### Colombian drug war continues

BOGOTA (AP) — Two game morthern state of Cordoba, police said Saturday, bringing to four the mamber of media workers numbered in the last three days. U.S. officials, manner or means workers unrefered in the last three days. U.S. omeans, meanwhile, and three suspected drug traffickers had been extradited to the United States. A total of four suspected narcotics figures have been sent to face trial in the United States since the Colombian government cracked down on the cocaine trade, and the traffickers responded with a declaration of war on Colombian institutions. A national police spokesman said SI-year-old William Bendeck Olivelia, the director of a local radio news paragramme, was shot in the head approved times lividay night in front of his programme, was shot in the head several times Friday night in front of his ne in the city of Monteria, about 300 kilometres north of Bogota. The ustins fied on a motorcycle, the spokesman said. Regota's El Tiempo per reported that Bendeck Olivella had been a "passionate" critic aunity's drug traffickers and guerrilla groups. No group classes of sussibility for the killing, but it was the latest in a series of attacks on callsts, government officials and judges blamed on drug traffickers.



### Palestinians stage anniversary rally

KFAR MALIK, West Bank (R) — About 200 Palestinians marched through a village in the occupied West Bank Saturday vowing to fight Israel to the death, but they rapidly vanished before Israeli troops arrived. "Even if Israel kills 100 a day, we will not surrender," should the marchers in Kfar Malik in a parade marking the first anniversary of the killing of a villager by Israeli troops. They were led by three squads of masked youths in uniforms of jeans and black jackets, stamping as they paraded through the main village street renamed in honour of Omar Al Ahsi. Ahsi was 22 when he was shot during a clash with troops, one of about 560 Arabs killed by troops in the 22-month-old sprising. An army spotter plane circled Kfar Mailk as the masked youths, followed by scores of chanting, ulniating women and girls, marched through streets festooned with Palestinian flags and graffiti. "For you Arafat we will give our blood," chanted the women who ranged from teenagers in make-up and jeans to wrinkled matrons in elaborately embroidered traditional dresses. Young girls carried placards with pictures of Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation sation, and slogans vowing that Ahsi had not died in vain.

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# Clark urges Canadian businessmen to back Jordan's development

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

CALGARY - Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark has paid tribute to Jordan's development and progress over the years and called on his country's business community to extend support for the Kingdom's economic and industrial efforts.

Child

'Canada's policy towards Jordan is based on a straightforward proposition; that it in our interest to ensure that the prosperity and welfare of Jordan is safeguarded," Clark said in an address at a dinner he hosted in honour of Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor who are on a state visit to Canada.

Noting that the Middle East region had a "tragic history of... wars... bloodshed... hatred... ambition and ideological rigidity," the Canadian foreign minister said, "against this backdrop, the accomplishments of King Hussein all the more remark-

"Where compromise is often as a vice, he has dured to be reasonable. Where dialogue can be regarded as an admission of defeat, be has sought negotiation. And where moderation is all too rare, he has been a voice of cantion and common sense," he said.

Underlining that peace "must have a sound economic and social base, not simply the balance of military forces." Clark said, "if there is to be a durable peace in the Middle East, social and economic strength will be a precondi-

"This is why King Hussein's accomplishments in Jordan are of direct interest to Canada," he said. "This is why we are so encouraged by his moderation and imagination. This is why Canadians have a common interest in a prosperous and healthy

Jordan." Praising Jordan's achievements in establishing a "framework for -industrialisation — the revolution in social services, the expansion of education, the growth in trans-portation and agriculture"—the Canadian foreign minister refer-

WARSAW (Agencies) - East

Germany has agreed to allow almost 1,000 of its citizens who

have taken refuge in Poland to

emigrate to the country of their

choice. Poland's state news agen-

cy said Saturday.
The PAP news agency said

East German Deputy Foreign

Minister Harry Ott met with Pol-

ish officials and worked out the

Oct. 5.

red to the 1986 Canadian-Jordanian cooperation agreement. He recalled that Canadian exports to Jordan had increased since then and several joint ventures were set and plans were being studied

for others. One of the main areas where Canada could help Jordan was through offering energy technology which will advance the Kingdom's efforts to reduce its dependence on imported source, improve its balance of payments and strengthen and diversify its economy, Clark said. It has been in this vein that Canada had extended help to oil exploration efforts in Jordan, he said.

Addressing Canadian businessmen attending the dinner at Calgary, Clark said: "In this connec-tion I encourage you all to attend the presentation planned for the last week of November in Calgary, by (Petro Canada Interna-tional Assistance Cooperation PCIAC) and the Natural Resources Authority of Jordan. It will present the results of their exciting work in the (Al) Risheh (gas) field in (Jordan). Many of you may find it of direct interest to your firms."

Clark referred to a special programme that the Canadian government has set up with Jordan. The programme, named King Hussein Scholarship and Exchange Programme, is worth one million Canadian dollars. This is in addition to another programme in management

"Much of the future development of Jordan will depend on private investment and successful training programmes geared to help Jordan prosper in the 21st century," he said. "This is also why we have just announced a 500,000 dollar programme to assist Jordan in graduate management training.

"I believe that Jordan will become one of the engines for economic growth in the entire Middle East region. I encourage

you all to go there, see it for yourself, the opportunities are promising, the future is bright, he E. Germany allows 1,000 more to leave for West

> "technical details" of their departure were completed, which could take several days. When East Berlin agreed Friday to provide papers for the refugees to go to a country of their choice, a Bonn government spokesman said they were expected to leave almost im-

would have to wait until talks on

solution to the refugee problem. East Germany's decision fol-The refugees, including many lowed several days of talks befamilies with small children, had tween Warsaw, East Berlin and made their way to Poland after Bonn. A West German foreign more than 1,400 East Germans ministry spokesman said on left for the West on Oct. I and Saturday he did not know if the East and West German missions In Bonn, sources said the re-

mediately.

fugees in the Warsaw embassy in Warsaw were in direct contact. East Germany earlier this must wait a little longer to go to month assented to the mass exthe West despite East Berlin's odus of over 14,000 East Geragreement to give them exit mans in Boon's Prague and Warpapers.
The sources told Reuters the saw embassies to the West and even provided the trains that took refugees - the last major group them through the homeland they sheltering in a West German mission to try and reach the West -

## India delays pullout of some troops from Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (Agencies) — India has postponed the withdrawal of its peacekeeping troops in eastern Sri Lanka because of a dispute over who will handle security in the violence-wracked area, offi-

cials said Saturday. About 5,000 Indian soldies had been expected to leave eastern Ampara district Monday, military sources said.

But an Indian high commis-sion, or embassy, official said the troops would remain in the district, 200 kilometres east of Col-

"The problem of the withdrawal from Ampara is because nothing has been sorted out about who will take over security of the district when the IPKF (Indian peacekeeping force) pulls out. Will it be the Sri Lankan army. the police or the civil volunteer

force?" said the official, speaking to the AP on condition of anony-

India sent an estimated 47.000 troops to Sri Lanka in July 1987 to supervise an arms surrender of Tamil guerrillas fighting for an independent homeland in the north and east. But the rebels turned their guns on the Indian soldiers, whose presence also triggered a rebellion by Sinhalese

radicals. Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijerame, who also is deputy defence minister, had told reporters some Indian troops would return home Monday. He refused to disclose the number of soldiers who were to leave, but diplomatic and military sources said the pullout was to involve all 5,000 soldiers stationed in restored full diplomatic relations Ampara district.



A street in Amman's Jabal Hussein area bedecked with election banners (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

# Over 600 file candidacies as election campaign gets going

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Over 600 aspirants to seats in the Lower House of Parliament formally staked their claim by filing nomination papers in the various governorates Saturday, the first day of a three-day candidacy nomination period for the Nov. 8 general elections to the XI)-seat House.

Simulataneous with the nomination, scores of banners went up in various parts of the capital and outlying regions, and hundreds of advertisements appeared in local newspapers, with each candidate explaining his/her platform and pledges to the electorate (see page 3).
The Jordan News Agency, Pet-

ra, said a total of 602 candidates had filed their nomination papers supported by the relevant documents by Saturday evening in the various governorates. The nominees have to wait until Monday to know whether their candidacies have been accepted or not. Those rejected can appeal to the courts, which have a further three days to make a ruling. Most observers expect at least 900 nominations to be filed by Monday.

According to Petra, the num-bers of candidates who registered Amman Governorate; 21 in the

their papers Saturday were: First District (three seats); 34 in the Second District (three seats);

50 in the Third District (five seats); 19 in the Fourth District (two seats); 45 in the Fifth District (five seats); 25 in the Sixth District (three seats); and 18 in the central bedouin region (two

Irbid Governorate: 63 in Irbid city and suburbs (eight seats); 16 for the two seats in the Jordan Valley and Al Qurah; 14 for the three seats in Ramtha and Bania Kanana: and 30 for the three seats in Ajloun district.

Other governorates: Zarqa 59 (six seats); Balqa — 40 (eight seats); Mafraq — 21 (three seats); Tafileh — 17 (three seats); Kerak — 56 (nine seats); Ma'an - 27 (five seats); and 17 for the two seats in the northern bedouin region and 13 for the two seats in the southern bedouin region.

The trend in acceptance of candidacy nominations is keenly watched by many as an indication of the government's liberalisation policy and tolerance towards political activists.

Government officials have said that the authorities would adopt a very flexible and lenient policy on the issue, and will sparingly use a particular clause in the 1986 Elections Law which bans any person affiliated with any illegal group or party from running in elections. Political parties are banned in Jordan.

"We will be as flexible as possible without violating the law," said a senior source at the Prime

Ministry. "There's no need to attach too much importance to Article 18" of the Elections Law, he said.

Though not formally acknowledged, the spectrum of candidates swings from conservative tribal leaders to Baathists, socialists, Communists, and Islamic fundamentalists and independents who profess no affiliation to

The wide chasm among the various schools of thought guiding the contestants in the race to the domed Parliament House was reflected among potential candidates thronging the Amman governor's office Saturday morning. Elderly tribal leaders wearing flowing dish-dashehes mingled with middle-aged bu bessmen wearing Western-style suits and others with their distinctive Islamic-style

beards in the corridors. Independent observers said at least 12 women would have filed their nomination papers by Monday, marking the first time that the Kingdom's women are seeking Parliament seats. Although Jordanian women were granted the right to vote in 1974, no woman ever ran in the bye-elections held in 1984 and the following years to fill vacant seats in the Lower House.

"Any woman who wins this race will lay the ground for the future women's movement."

saying by Reuters. There is no firm yet indication yet of the number of candidates

backed by organised groups. But, Ali Hawamdeh, a leader of the fundamentalsit Muslim Brotherbood and a candidate in Amman. was quoted as saying by the Associated Press that his group would support 30 candidates.

Every candidate is oozing confidence over his chances to win the race and contribute to the decision-making progress of the Kingdom. "If one is to judge by their confidence, the Lower House is likely to end up with 800 deputies instead of the available 80 seats," came the ironic observation of a journalist who has been attending almost every campaign gathering and debate.

The cynicism is shared by many, although in a different vein. "I'm not going to vote the same old faces who forget about us the minute they reach parliament," according to a concierge, identified only as Abu Ahmad by

But there are many who are excited about the process of elections. "It feels great to have democracy back to our country under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein," said Hamad Abu Jumus, a retired army officer, in comments carried by the Associated Press. "We Eida Mutlag, one of the candidates from Irbid, was quoted as past 22 years," he added.

Libya has also pledged to pay

# Lebanon talks remain snagged

TAIF, Saudi Arabia (Agencies) ary leader, accepts an Arab

— Christian members of Leba- League guarantee that the Synon's parliament have suggested amending the plan at the centre of peace talks in Saudi Arabia to speed up the proposed withdrawal of Syrian troops, conference sources said Saturday.

The Christians want the Syrians to leave the eastern Bekaa Valley and parts of the mountains within one year of pulling back there from the rest of Lebanon, the sources said.,

The draft "charter for national reconciliation" drawn up by mediators Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia for parliamentary debate in the Saudi town of Taif left the Lebanese and Syrian governments to agree on bow many Syrian troops would stay in the Bekaa and four how long.

The Christian deputies also suggested bringing forward the start of Syrian redeployment towards the Syrian border, the sources told Reuters.

In the charter, this would take place within two years of partiament passing political reforms increasing the power of Lebanon's Muslim majority in a system now favouring Christians.

The Christians proposed that the process should begin as soon as parliament approved only those reforms affecting the balance of power between the president, the prime minister, the cabinet and the parliament, the sources said.

Syria's military withdrawal has always been the main demand of the Christians but they have never spelt out in public exactly what timetable they would accept.

Aoun's call

Sources quoted by the AP expressed cautious optimism that question could be resolved if Michel Aoun, the Christian milit the unilateral house.

League guarantee that the Syrians will withdraw their 40,000 troops from Lebanon under a

two-year timetable. In Beirut, Aoun issued a state-ment carried by radio stations calling on deputies meeting in Taif not to "make any commitment that would be viewed as a concession on (Lebanon's) sovereignty... the Lebanese people will have no mercy on anyone who makes concessions no matter how important he is.'

Pro-Syrian Shi'ite Muslim leader Nabih Berri and Druze chief Walid Junblatt have upped the stakes from Beirut each time Aoun's hardline Maronite Christians demanded a quicker, more specified Syrian pullout and written guarantees from Damascus.

The meeting of the 63 deputies started Sept. 30 in this western mountain resort. The deputies have announced several times that they were on the verge of a breakthrough to a new political accord, only to be frustrated by renewed demands from one side or the other.

Said one source, "they reach a consensus and then get a telephone call from Beirut, and we are back where we started."

The Muslims have concentrated on the power-sharing formula, the first of four chapters that the Arab mediators outlined.

The Druze, one of the smallest but most-armed of the 17 sects in the country, used to be considered among the Muslims. But their one deputy has been trying to up the number of the seats in parliament to give the sect a greater voice.

The parliamentarians had approved increasing the chamber's seats to 108, giving the additional ones to Muslims to

# PLO tightlipped after consultations in Cairo

with Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid Saturday after the United States put forward a five-point formula to bridge the gap on proposed Israeli-Palestinian talks.

Mahmoud Abbas and Yasser Abed Rabbo, both members of the PLO Executive Committee. said the 90-minute meeting covered all issues but would not be more specific.

Asked if they discussed U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's points for Israeli-Palestinian talks on possible Palestinian elections in the Israeli-occupied territories. Abbas replied only: "We had a detailed, clear and frank talk with Foreign Minister Abdul Meguid.

Abdul Meguid told reporters the meeting had been important and consultations with the PLO would continue.

Abed Rabbo said that only the PLO, as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinians,

CAIRO (Agencies) — Two could decide the composition of Palestine Liberation Organisa-tion (PLO) leaders held talks Israel.

He said any dialogue must be unconditional and move towards convening an international con-

ference on the Middle East.

Israel has rejected an Egyptian offer to host face-to-face talks between Palestinians and Israel, saying it would not deal directly or indirectly with the PLO. One of Baker's points prop-

osed that Israel should attend such talks after a satisfactory list of Palestinian delegates had been worked out. Israel would consult the United States and Egypt on Abbas said they had come to

Egypt with a group of questions but were not authorised to discuss any point or any issue. He and Abed Rabbo, who heads a PLO team in talks with

the United States, both refused to elaborate. Abbas said they would now go

to Baghdad for a meeting of the PLO's 108-member Central Council on Sunday.

"Following checks it was

proved that traitor Bassam Al

Adel who fled with a MiG-23 on

11.10.1989 when he was on a

training flight on the edge of the

ceasefire frontline deceived front

monitoring points," it said.

# Syria says MiG-23 pilot was Israeli spy

DAMASCUS (R) — Syria said Saturday that a Syrian air force pilot who landed his MiG-23 fighter in Israel Wednesday was an Israeli spy.

A military statement said the pilot, whom it named as Bassam Al Adel, deceived Syrian frontline monitoring stations to fly to Israel by pretending that his plane had a mechanical fault.

It said he "sold himself and his weapon to the enemy at the end of a spying mission led by Israeli intelligence which mobilised this agent to smuggle a plane of our air force to hand it to the Israeli enemv.'

The pilot, identified in Israel as Major Mohammad Bassem Adel, told a news conference near Tei Aviv Friday that he had defected but the Israelis had no prior

knowledge he was coming.

The Syrian statement said he suggested by his movements that his plane had a technical fault when he changed direction to-

A senior Syrian official said earlier the MiG-23 made an emergency landing in Israel after developing a mechanical fault and Damascus had asked the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to arrange the return of the pilot.

Saturday's statement said Adel had "betrayed his nation and people by spying against them by giving the enemy the weapon which is utilised to defend the nation....'

It added: "The spirit of pride and honour in which the people and army live in Syria makes us look to such bad people with unlimited scron....

# Qadhafi, Mubarak meet in Egypt today

CAIRO (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi will visit Egypt Sunday for the first time in 16 years and hold talks with President Hosni Mubarak, Egyptian presidential sources said They said Qadhafi would pay a

24-hour visit to Mersa Metruh, a resort on the Mediterranean about 500 kilometres north west of Cairo. Relations between Egypt and Libya have been erratic since Qadhafi seized power in a blood-

less coup 20 years ago and he has not been to Egypt since the clos-ing stages of the 1973 Arab-Israeli war. Egypt has in the past accused Libya of sabotage attempts and of

sending hit-squads to Egypt to kill Libyan exiles. The two countries fought a brief border war in But a breakthrough came in

Casablanca, Morocco, last May when Mubarak and Qadhafi met during an Arab League summit. The summit marked Egypt's formal readmission to the Arab World after ties were broken because of Cairo's 1979 peace

treaty with Israel. Libya and Syria are the only Arab states which have not now with Cairo.



Hosni Mubarak

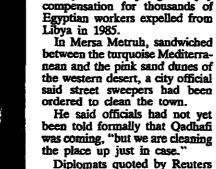
Diplomats said they believed the final catalyst for Sunday's reconciliation talks between the two leaders was the release by Libya Thursday of two Egyptian fishing boats and their crews, seized last August.

Qadhafi held Egyptian leader Gamal Abdul Nasser in high esteem, but relations started to crumble after Anwar Sadat succeeded Nasser in 1970. An attempt at unifying the two states fell apart in a matter of months.

Qadhafi strongly criticised Sadat's handling of the October 1973 war against Israel and staunchly opposed Sadat's peace negotiations with Israel, culmi-



nating in the 1979 treatv. For his part, Sadat likened Qadhafi to a madman, a clowu and a mentally-deranged child. Mubarak said he was unstable. But after the Casablanca meet-



ing, Qadhafi sent his cousin Ahmad Gaddaf Eddam to Cairo as a special envoy and Egypt sent a deputy prime minister to Tripoli for the Sept. 1 ceremonies marking the 20th anniversary of Libya's 1969 revolution.

Last July the Egyptian-Libya border post at Saloum, about 200 kilometres west of Mersa Metruh, was reopened and ariline flight between the two countries resumed.

the isolated presidential resthouse at Ras Al Hekma, about 50 kilometres east of Mersa Metruh. Security was an important fac-tor, and it was underlined Saturday by a Qatari newspaper that predicted a new U.S. attack on Libya following media reports

that Tripoli was developing long-

said one likely summit venue was

Britain's Sunday Correspondent newspaper last week reported that 100 West Germans were taking part in a project to develop ground-to-ground mis-siles with a 720-kilometre range.

range missiles.

The United States, accusing Libya of "terrorist" action against U.S. targets, bombed military bases, airports and government buildings in Tripoli and Benghazi in April, 1986.



Two opposition militiamen cover a Soviet-made B-10 cannon at Beirut's western part as ceasefire

holds throughout the area surrounding the Falan-

Lebanon's future.

into a wake.

three weeks.

"It seems like no one is willing

to buy new apartments before

they have a clearer idea about

One can hardly blame them.

The precariousness of Lebanese

life was demonstrated in the

north east town of Baalbeck Fri-

day when a dispute between two

residents touched off a battle of

rocket grenades and machinegun

A stray rocket hit a house

where a wedding was being cele-

brated, killing three women

guests and transforming the party

Many of the hundreds of

thousands of people who fled Beirut to other areas in Lebanon

or travelled abroad have returned

to their homes since the ceasefire.

lines, Lebanon's national carrier,

are heavily booked to and from

Beirut airport. Officials said the

airline carried 11,162 passenges back to Lebanon in less than

Flights of the Middle East Air-

# Normal life is still a distant dream in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) - A three-weekold ceasefire has reinvigorated Beirut, but normal life remains a distant dream to the war-weary

"It is true that shelling has stopped, but only two hours of electricity a day, three hours of drinking water a week and having to queue up for an hour to get bread doesn't make it a better life," housewife Amal Khodor said Friday.

An Arab League-sponsored ceasefire on Sept. 23 halted six months of fierce battles between Falangist troops and Syrian and opposition forces.

The latest round of violence, including the biggest bombard-ments of Lebanon's 14-year civil war, had by then killed some 850 people, forced hundreds of thousands to flee and caused material damage estimated at \$1 billion.

Lebanese deputies are holding peace talks in the Saudi Arabian resort of Taif as part of the Arab peace plan. The news from Taif is closely

followed by the Lebanese as nearly all local newspapers and radio stations have sent corres-"There is nothing comforting gineer.

in the political situation," said Ibrahim Khordagi. "What is going on at Taif is just talk. We want something tangible here on the ground."

Khordagi, who owns a shop near the American University of Beirut in mainly Muslim west Beirut, said he was not going to repair the shell-holes and broken glass in his shop.
"I paid \$4,000 for repairs after

the last round. I am not willing to pay another cent now. It's not worth it." he said.

Abdul Kader Ayad, who owns a cosmetic shop in west Beirut's once-ritzy Hamra District, said business was slow. "People prefer not to spend

money on goods which aren't essential. The war has forced them to spend their savings to escape Beirut's hell or repair the damage," Ayad said. Construction is nevertheless

among the few industries which picked up quickly after the truce. Builders have returned to work on unfinished buildings and repair battle damage.

"New construction plans are still at a low. Demand for new houses has sharply declined,"

### Veteran politician seeks Turkish presidency

ANKARA (R) - Veteran Turkish politician Fethi Celikhas has announced he will run for president next week in a parliamentary poll expected to pit him against Prime Minister Turgut

"A presidential election cannot be held with just one candidate." Hurriyet newspaper Friday quoted Celikbas as saying in a reference to Ozal, tipped by other politicians to declare his candidacy soon.

"My decision to run has been encouraged by party colleagues." Celikbas, 77, said. Celikbas, a cabinet minister in

the 1950s and 1970s and a members of Ozal's conservative Motherland Party, is the first person to announce he will run. Ozal, who became prime minister in 1983, has hinted he will announce his candidacy shortly before next Thursday's deadline. Voting starts the next

But a source close to Ozal told Reuters Friday: "If someone tells you he knows what the prime minister is going to do, he is

lying."
Ozal would be almost sure to win the presidency, which carries some executive powers, as Motherland has 289 members in the 450-seat parliament. Celikbas said he was backed by 30 liberal Motherland legislators.

Opposition parties, pointing to a drop in public support for Ozal because of rising inflation and other economic problems, say they will boycott the secret vote if Ozal runs and will not recognise him if he wins.

The source close to Ozal said he might nominate parliamentary speaker Yildirim Akbulut or deputy prime minister Ali Bozer as compromise candidate.

The winner will succeed Kenan Evren, whose seven-year term is

## Iranian aide to visit **France**

PARIS (R) - Iran and France, at loggerheads for years over terrorism and a commercial dispute involving billions of dollars, will hold high-level talks at the end of October in Paris, officials have said.

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minis-ter Mahmoud Vaezi and France's senior Paris-based diplomat, Francois Scheer, will head the delegations. The dates of the meetings, aimed at repairing relations, have not been announced.

Apart from tensions between Tehran and Western nations since the 1979 Iranian revolution, disputes over the detention of a Lebanese gurman and the repayment of an Iranian loan have poisoned bilateral links. Iran has pressured France to release Anis Naccache, who was jailed for life for killing two people in 1980 during a failed assassination attempt in Paris against Shapur Bakhtiar, the shah of Iran's

last prime minister. Tehran is also pushing for settlement of a one billion dollar loan made by the shah in 1974 to the French consortium Eurodif. France has repaid \$630 million but Tehran says \$2 billion in capital and interest are outstanding.

France claims its companies suffered losses totalling \$2 billion when contracts were revoked by the late Ayatoliah Ruholiah Khomeini after the revolution.

The ground for the Paris talks was prepared when Scheer. secretary-general at the French Foreign Ministry, visited Tehran on Sept. 17-18.

He met Vaezi and Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, who said Iran wanted closer ties with France but that the Eurodif dispute was a major obstacle.

## **Denktash thinks Cyprus** likely to remain split

WASHINGTON (R) — Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash, in Washington for his first high-level

Lawrence Eagleburger.

The State Department of the company o meetings with American diplomats in many years, has said Cyprus was likely to remain divided for years to come.

In a brief interview after talking to a National Press Club breakfast, Denktash was asked if the status quo on Cyprus was

likely to continue for years. He said it was and added: "But we have to work with it, because it's the only way."

In 1983, Denktash declared the establishment of the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" on the northern third of the eastern Mediterranean island, and no high-level American diplomat has met with him since.

But since last year Denktash and Cyprus President George Vassiliou have met with each other for more than 100 hours, and with United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, in an effort to reunify Cyprus.

Vassiliou, a Greek Cypriot, was in Washington last week for meetings with President Bush, Secretary of States James Baker and Deputy Secretary of State

The State Department said Eagleburger had invited Denktash to an informal lunch as leader of the Turkish Cypriot community and this did not imply any recognition of his self-de-

clared state "We believe his meetings in Washington are fully in keeping with our desire to be of assistance to the inter-communal negotiating process on Cyprus through which we hope a lasting peaceful solution emerges," said State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler.

The most dramatic setback in peace efforts came as the result of a demonstration by 1,000 Greek Cypriots on July 19 who stormed the green line separating the is-

Since that time, the developing agreement has unravelled. Denktash, who had proposed a federation between the Greeks and Cypriots, has been talking recently about a looser confederation.

Under the looser proposal, his Turkish country would have to be recognised as an independent entity. The only country that now recognises his republic is Turkey.

### **Iraq denies Kurdish** rebel report of clashes

BAGHDAD (R) — A senior Iraqi official Saturday denied a report by a Kurdish rebel group that government troops clashed with guerrillas near the Iranian border last week.

The official at the Culture and Information Ministry told Reuters that all Kurdish areas "are quiet and have not witnessed any clashes over the past weeks.'

He refuted a statement made last week by the Iraqi Kurdistan Front that its fighters beat back government attacks on Oct. 4 and 5 in the Sader and Jakoj Mountains east of Qala Diza.

"On the contrary, the autonomous region of Kurdistan, including the border areas, is undergoing reconstruction to re-build all the areas destroyed by the (eight-year) war with Iran, the official said.

The anti-Baghdad government front's statement, issued in the Syrian capital Damascus, said other clashes took place late last

The rebels are fighting for more autonomy for Iraq's three

# **U.N.** chief hopes for further **Morocco-Polisario meetings**

UNITED NATIONS (R) -Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar has said he hoped for further meetings like one last January between King Hassan II of Morocco and representatives of the Polisario Front since they could help settle the Western Sahara problem.

But many are also leaving. Polisario spokesmen have accused Rabat of repeatedly post-Some 8,487 people were flew out of Beirut on MEA during the poning another meeting, and heavy fighting this month ended a same period. "I just came back to take my year-long lull during which Polifamily. I have arranged for emigration visa to Canada and plan to move there very soon," Morocco's control of Western Sahara. said a businessman who declined

The secretary general's comto be named. "At least over there we can plan ments came in a written report on for tomorrow, there is running efforts to implement an agreement in principle by the two sides water and the children can watch in August 1988 for a U.N. spontelevision," he said.

Spanish territory, ruled by. Morocco since 1976.

Perez de Cuellar, who is working with the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) currently headed by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, referred in his report to a number of significant developments in the past year.

He said: "The second development related to the occasion when King Hasan II received representatives of the Frente Polisario. It is the hope of the truce in its guerrilla war against secretary general and of the current chairman of the OAU that there will be further meetings of this nature as they could improve prospects for the success of the

peace process." Other developments listed in the report were the appointment

for Western Sahara, Hector Gros Espiell the establishment of a U.N. technical commission and progress in processing data from a 1974 Spanish census to help prepare a voters' list for the territory.

The secretary general said the parties expressed a number of concerns that needed to be addressed before the 1988 agreement could be implemented.

"In the case of Morocco, major concern relates to the question of security and peace in the territory during the referendum. In the case of the Frente Polisario, assurances are being sought for the creation of conditions which, in its view, are necessary for a free and fair election."

lets on barren mountainsides.

Kaya Oner, aga of the 15,000-strong Sidan tribe, said he was one of the few tribal leaders not

to accept the government offer of

guns, which he said was also

made to agas in the Iranian bor-

der areas of Baskale and Hak-

Ten days after Oner

announced his decision, his

brother Nedim was killed by

troops in a raid on Bespamak

village.
"The day after they killed him

they came again and an army

officer told us: Either you take

the guns or you are with the PKK

and we will kill you'," a villager

which Nedim was killed.

The two-day conference of the

sented to the conference. transformation to multi-party democracy spurred on by youth

by its French initials MIA, has functioned informally for about 18 months with newsmen desert-

dent trade unions to establish an organisational structure.

mechiche, a journalist from the national news agency APS killed by the army while covering the 1988 riots, hung at the entrance of the meeting hall.

He pointed out the car, riddled all Algerian media. Journalists with more than 50 bullet holes, in

# New Sudanese peace talks to be held soon

Bashir said a second round of it will recommend to the governtalks with southern rebels is ex-ment a strategy for an end to the pected to start after a current six-year civil war in the south.

A peace committee, led by general elections. Col. Mohammad Al Amin Khalifa, met with representatives of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army last August in Addis

Khalifa is also heading a peace and animist south.

KHARTOUM (AP) - Sudan's conference in the capital, Kharmuta leader Omar Hassan Al tourn, scheduled to end Oct. 18.

government-organised peace con- For its part, SPLA leader John ference ends later this month, an Garang has designed a peace plan official daily paper has reported. that includes formation of a Al Guwat Al Musalaha quoted broad-based government, crea-Bashir as saying "contacts will be tion of a new army comprising made with the rebels at the end of existing troops and the guerrillas. the conference to convene peace the convening of a constitutional conference and the holding of

The SPLA took up arms in 1983 against the Muslim-dominated government in the north, demanding social and economic reforms for the mainly Christian

### Swiss stewardess suspected of drug peddling in Lebanon

KOUBBA, Lebanon (AP) — A provincial capital of the rorth, at Swiss airline stewardess was in-Swiss airline stewardess was interrogated by Syrian intelligence agents and given six days to leave Lebanon on drug trafficking suspicion, reliable sources said Saturday, a day after the 31-yearold woman was released.

One of the sources, who insisted on not being identified further, said Astrid Fischer was told during her six-day captivity to leave Lebanon "no later than Wednesday."

The sources said she was captured Sunday by plainclothes Syrian security operatives attached to the Syrian army contingent in north Lebanon and later turned over to the allied Marada militia after interrogation in connection

with drug trafficking incidents.

The Marada are headed by former President Suleiman Franjeih, a feudal lord from north Lebanon who was head of state when the civil war broke out in

Franjieh called in the Syrians a

year later to disengage Falangist and opposition forces and they have since maintained 40.000 soldiers in the north and east, as well as the western sector of Beirut. Ms. Fischer works for the Swiss national carrier Swissair. She was picked up at her house which she bought in Koubba eight months ago, the sources said.

She was released in Tripoli, Lebanon's second-largest city and

and went straight to her house in Koubba where she remained incomunicado Saturday.

About a dozen Syrian security men and Marada militiamen were ringing the house. They allowed only a handful of neighbours, all women, to visit her.

One of the visitors said as she emerged from the house that Ms. Fischer "expects to wind her affairs in Lebanon and leave before Wednesday." She would not elaborate.

In Bern, Swiss Foreign Minis-try official Francois Chappuis said Friday that the stewardess' freedom was gained through con-tacts by Dino Sciolli, Switzer-land's ambassador to Lebanon

who is based in Nicosia, Cyprus.

He said a "well known political group," which he refused to identify, had led the effort to win her release. Lebanese radio said Franjich was instrumental in securing her freedom. Sources at Middle East Air-

lines, Lebanon's flag carrier, said 🕈 Ms. Fischer had worked as a stewardess for the airline for five years before resigning in 1984 to join Swissair. She remained a frequent visitor

to Lebanon after that, maintaining an apartment in the district of Ashrafiveh, in east Beirut, until she bought the house in Koubba.

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### Algerian journalists to set up independent union

dred Algerian journalists met Friindependent journalists' union and push for greater press tive, participants said.

freedom.

It would also formulate a code

Algerian journalists' movement is the latest challenge to a 27-year monopoly by the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) over political and professional life.

"The respect of the citizen's right to information requires a socio-professional organisation of journalists that is independent, pluralistic, democratic and unified," said a working paper pre-

Algeria is in the throes of a riots a year ago.
The journalists' group, known

ing en masse their official FLNlinked union. It is one of the first indepen-

A picture of Sid Ali Ben-

The government owns and runs

have long complained of censorship, arbitrary dismissals and

ALGIERS (R) — Several hundereriorating work conditions. The conference is due to enday to organise the country's first dow the MJA with a charter, by-laws and a provisional execu-

of professional ethics and voice demands for radical reform of the media under Algeria's new constitution which guarantees freedom of expressi

Omar Belhouchet of the French-language daily El Moud-jahid told Reuters that while the MIA encompassed different poli-tical sensibilities, "there is a will to create a movement detached from all political parties and the government."

He said a majority favoured retaining state ownership of the media but with radical changes in the way are run to ensure editorial independence. The government is now prepar-

ing an information law that will

govern the future of the media and enshrine the principle of press freedom. The new government of Mouloud Hamrouche has already moved toward reform by abo-

lishing the information ministry, saying it had no place in a democracy. racy.

Participants said there could be REC heated debate over the question, of language, with a minority of journalists seeking the eventual suppression of French-language

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# vince, which until this year was

largely unscathed by the Marxist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) "They (the tribes) asked us for weapons and we agreed to give them," Van Governor Adnan

VAN, Turkey (R) - The govern-

ment is to arm most fendal tribes

in south east Turkey to help fight

an escalating Kurdish insurgency,

officials and tribal lords said.

Darendeliler told Reuters. He estimated 2,000 to 3,000 rifles would be handed out soon. The agas (lords) of more than 15 tribes in the Van area border-

whose leftist ideology they fear.

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 23, Aqaba 30, Humidity readings: Amman 37 per cent, Aqaba 35 per

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"We want the guns. We have to defend ourselves," said Abdurahman Ozbek, aga of the Izdinan tribe and head of the Van branch of the opposition Social Democrat Populist Party. Western diplomats say 84 peo-

Turkey arms tribes to fight Kurdish rebels

They said the army in September offered weapons to Kurdish ple were killed last month in tribes in mountainous Van profighting in Van and elsewhere between the rebels and government troops, more than twice the monthly average of early this year. Nearly 2,000 people have been killed since 1984.

Some tribesmen in Van are unhappy at the army's sudden interest in them. We already have plenty of guns. The government is really

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saying you either fight with us or ing Iran have traditionally sup-ported Ankara against the PKK,

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tion of mountain areas, where many tribesmen live and the PKK is active, would speed up if fighting worsened.
"People just want to live in peace, not to have guns and have to fight the PKK," said. Yavuz

Binbay, head of the Van branch of Turkey's Human Rights Associa-The government earlier set up a militia of village guards, but this apparently collapsed. Security sources said guards' wives and children were attacked by the

Darendeliler said the tribes would now be organised into fighting units under army

But tribal sources said they doubted this would be effective in

the more than 1,200 remote ham-

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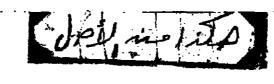
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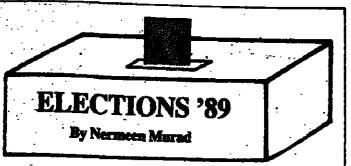
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A COUPLE of hours before midnight Friday night a new phenomenon started creeping into the skies of the capital. The few cars which happened to pass, unaware, in the streets of Amman, screeched and stopped still infront of something new, the banners

While some banners, dealt with the purpose without introduc-tions, "elect... so and so," perhaps indicating that Jordan still attaches everything to the name behind it, other banners carried grievances, promises and many carried idealistic dream At eleven o'clock Friday night a lone candidate, striving to

it is swarmed with the other views, was grappling with a policer who insisted that the candidate wait until the hour of midnight. Laith Shbellat, a candidate from Amman's Third District, stood alone with the policeman with an overbearing background of huge banners aiready erected, and tried to reach' a compromise with

But, according to the policeman "the law is the law and we will bring down those other banners," the officer told the Jordan

"Cancel martial law and emergency laws first," a very courageous banner confronted drivers at the enterance of down-

"clect so and so," banners, but this time the candidate added three little words below the candidate's very large name, "dignity of our homeland, pride of our homeland, national unity."

One candidate complained that "parliament represe

duty not an honour," in one banner, in another street in the same district, the same candidate said "the practice of parliament representation in a responsible manner protects democracy and

"The parliament members of the nation are its mirror, but this mirror has to remain clean and pure," a banner said, preceded another which stressed that "trying candidates responsible for corruption is a national duty."

mic banners, maintained that "Islam is the solution" and that the "implementation of the Islamic Sharia Laws and rule by Islam is one of our demands." Some even called for "saving future generations through the Koran and preparing them for Jihad." But Saturday was the first day of the elections campaign and there are many views which will still climb the electricity poles in the Kingdom to present newer angles, and fresher views, but all will fail in the same bandwagon - hoping to get to the domed Parliament House.

A leaflet which was apparently distributed in Madaba found its way to a candidate in the capital Saturday night, this leaflet touched on a national concern to achieve a personal gain.

The leaflet, which carried a cartoon of a candidate in .Madaba,

asked the citizens whether they wanted to fight corruption and bribery and then proceeded to express a personal opinion about the candidate depicted in the cartoon. Many citizens who saw this leaflet do not condon it and think that "it is a cheap shot, and a trick by a loser."

A candidate in Aqaba, however, is distributing his election campaign leaflet accompanied by a small sum of money to entice voters to put their votes where their money is. This is where awareness almong voters and sindonal housesty will have to rule.

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### NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW FINANCIAL DIRECTOR AT RSS: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, has endorsed the appointment of Kamal Ahmad Al Khatib as director of the Financial Department at the Royal Scientific Society. (J.T.)

CONDOLENCES: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Saturday delegated Royal Court Secretary General Munir Al Durra to convey his condolences to Al Shakhshir family on the death of Radi Shukri Al Shakhshir. (Petra)

ITALIAN PHOTO EXHIBITION: Under the patronage of Minister of Information and Culture and in cooperation with the Royal Cultural Centre the Italian embassy is holding a photo exhibition from Oct. 17 till Oct. 21 at the Exhibition Hall of the Royal Cultural Centre. The exhibition will open daily from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

KHAYYAT RETURNS FROM CAIRO: Minister of Aworf and Islamic Affairs Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat Saturday returned home from Cairo after taking part in the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) countries' celebrations marking Prophet Mohammad's Birthday anniversary which took place at Al Azhar University. Khayyat Friday discussed with his Egyptian counterpart Dr. Mohammad Mahjoub bilateral relations and Jordan's need for mosque preachers. (Petra)

KHLEIFAT LEAVES FOR EGYPT: Minister of Youth Awad Khleifat Saturday left for Cairo to participate in the meetings of the Arab Youth Council scheduled to convene Monday. The two-day meetings will deal with a number of youth and sporting issues. Several agreements will be signed on exchange of experts and expertise to develop youth and sporting cadres in the Arab countries.

HAMDAN RECEIVES IRAQI ENVOY: Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and Environment Yousef Hamdan discussed with Iraq's Ambassador to Jordan Nouri Isma'il means to consolidate bilateral relations in the fields of self-rule as well as projects of municipal councils and environment. (Petra)

SAKET HOLDS TALKS WITH AEU TEAM: Minister of Agriculture Bassam Al Saket Saturday met with a delegation representing the Agricultural Exporters Union (AEU) and discussed with them matters related to exporting fruits and vegetables and procedures that can encourage the Jordanian exports to foreign markets. (Petra)

### WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### EXHIBITIONS

- ☆ An exhibition marking the 1st centennial of the Effel Tower
  displaying photographs, drawings and pictures demonstrating
  the tower in all its aspects at the French Cultural Centre. An art exhibition by Jordanian artist Omar Bood at Alia Art Gallery.
- ☆ An art exhibition by Frad Mimi and 'Ammar Khammash at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation's Scientific and Cultural Centre.

\* A lecture, in Arabic, by Dr. Jamal Al Sha'er entitled: "Parliamentary Life: Britain and Jordan" at the British Council — 7:00 p.m.

- A feature film cutified "Cocoon" at the American Centre : 7:40 p.m. .
- An exhibition of Islamic books at the Yarmook University. \* As exhibition of Omeni photographs and costumes at the Yarmonk University.

Secretary General of the Higher Council for Science and Technology Dr. Abdullah Touqan opens the

regional conference on use of laser in science and technology at the University of Jordan.

# Conference begins on use of laser in science, technology

AMMAN (Petra) — Delegates representing 15 Jordanian organisations and 20 Arab and foreign countries gathered in Amman Saturday for a conference on lasers in science and technology which opened at the University of Jordan under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown

Prince Hassan, the Regent.
The participants will review working papers and listen to lectures focusing on the use of laser beams in industry, medicine and agriculture, according to Dr. Riad Bitar, chairman of a committee which prepared for the

Part of the conference, he said, will be dedicated to a seminar dealing with international cooperation in scientific research and the prospect of establishing a specialised centre for laser applications.

Bitar who was among the speakers at the opening session said that the committee hopes to encourage universities and scientific institutions to play a bigger role in applied sciences, especially in areas where production of various commodities can be in-

boost efforts of various institutions in the fields of physics, chemistry, biological science, engineering, medicine and agriculture," Bitar added.

Dr. Abduliah Tougan, secretary general of the Higher Council for Science and Technology who deputised for Prince Hassan, delivered the opening speech, noting that the great number of partici-pants, and the nature of institutions they represent reflect the importance they attach on the conference and its outcome.

"It is hoped that the conference will act as one more link in the course of encouraging researchers in modern technology and the use of lasers," Touqan noted. Touqan made a general review of the development of laser technology over the past 30 years and noted the heavy competition between the United States, Japan and Europe in developing stron-

effective use in different areas. The conference, Tougan noted, offers a good chance for Arab and foreign specialists to exchange information and ideas about lasers and their use, and is search centres.

ger laser equipment for more

The conference is bound to bound to enhance the Arab World's drive to benefit from the use of laser at all levels.

"Jordan realised the importance of science and technology in its economic development plans and established a national committee to take charge of the national policy on science and technology," Touqan pointed

He said that since its establishment in 1986, the committee has been proposing ideas and helping to work out the Kingdom's plans in science and technology, and later set up the Higher Council for Science and Technology to lay the basis for a strong foundation to boost the country's socio-economic and cultural development

A total of 200 delegates are taking part in the six-day conference, half of whom come from Jordan, according to the orga-

They said that one of the main Jordanian papers, submitted by Minister of Education Adnan Badran, deals with the situation at the Jordanian universities re-

# Ministry to start construction of pilgrims' education centre

AMMAN (J.T.) - Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, a cereomny, organised by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, for laying the foundation stone of the pilgrims' educa-tional centre, will be held Sunday at Al Nuzha District of Amman.

The centre aims to provide

according to Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Secretary General Ahmad Hilayel.

Hilayel said that the centre will present documentary films, and slide shows in the course of providing information about the pilgrimage rites in Mecca.

provide information about the mad Al Sharif arrived here Saturperformance of the annual rite, day at the head of a delegation on a visit to Jordan expected to last several days.

He will hold talks with senior officials from the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs on means of bolstering bilateral coopera tion in religious affairs.

Discussion will also centre on education to the pilgrims on the pilgrimage to the holy places and Awqaf's under-secretary Moham- Jordanian religious agreement. the implementation of an Iraqi-

### Seminar opens on diseases common to man and animal in Arab World

AMMAN (Petra) — The Third seminar on diseases common to man and animal, and parasites affecting people in the Arab World will open at the Farah Rehabilitation Centre at Al Hussein Medical Centre Tuesday under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Recent

According to Dr. Yousef Omeish, chairman of a committee preparing for the coming meeting, scientists and specialists from 20 Arab countries and several specialised world orga-

nisations will take part in the meeting which will be organised by the Higher Council for Science and Technology.

Omeish said that the meeting aims to follow up and encourage studies on diseases common to man and animal in the Arab World, and research designed to protect public health.

The participants will review research papers and will discuss experiments on this subject and will study problems and causes related to the common diseases.

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Hamdan announced that Jor-

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said, "in order to ensure parti-

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Rural Affairs and the Environ-

ment, the minister pointed out,

has worked out a set of program-

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The minister also referred to a

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tion incidents that occurred in

Jordan recently and said that

these incidents should prompt all

Jordanian citizens to act in a

The Ministry of Municipal and

all Jordanian citizens.

This decision was taken," he

The participants are also ex-

pected to discuss the prospect of setting up a pan-Arab centre for research and studies in this field. to be based in Amman.

The effect of common diseases on man and the environment, and the general economy will be among the topics to be discussed. Omeish pointed out.

In addition, he said, the threeday meeting will look into such diseased as bilharzia, malaria and rabies and means of protecting people from such diseases.

### Jordan to be base for regional environment information centre

ali people.

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment is now establishing a regional environment information centre in Jordan while pursuing efforts to prepare a national environment strategy designed to provide protection from pollution and to prepare the ground for safeguarding natural resources in the Kingdom. Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan said Saturday.

A national strategy is bound to take into consideration means of protecting the environment during the implementation of economic projects in the country, Hamdan said in a statement marking the Arab Environment Day.

The minister said that the environment is "one of the most important issues in our day, not only for Jordan but also for the rest of the world and measures are being taken worldwide to protect natural resources and the all regions of the country. Earth's atmosphere.

Hamdan referred to His Majesty King Hussein's 'address to a United National Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) which convened lately in Jordan in which he stressed the relationship between man and his environment and dwelt on matters related to man's future on the planet Earth.

He said that threats posed to work in isolation from the rest of

the environment in any part of the world and "it is impossible for the world are directed against the environment of the whole Earth a government to take action without help from the citizens in all and could be detrimental to life of ways designed to provide protection for the general environ-"Mankind, ought to take meament," the minister said.

Jordan, Hamdan added, is cooperating with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) through the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature in implementing its national strategy, to control its water resources and provide protection to natural resources.

According to ministry sources, the national strategy is being implemented in cooperation with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources which helped to provide the Kingdom with more than \$300,000 from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The strategy, according to the sources, entails combating desert encroachment over arable land, dealing with industrial pollution. spreading public awareness and educating the public the means of protecting the environment.
Once the strategy has been

completed, appropriate laws will be issued to be put into force in 1990, the minister said. Earlier, the ministry of muni-

manner to protect the environment and safeguard public cipal and rural affairs set up a higher steering committee to pre-pare for the national strategy.

The meeting is also designed to discuss coordination among va-It is impossible for a nation to

# Ministry seeks to expand law on economic crimes

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Ministry of Justice is conducting studies on existing Jordanian legislation on economic crimes with a view to encompassing such offences as mismanagement and misallocation of funds, according to Minister of Justice Rateb Al Wazani.

"The present laws do not cover legislation can be held accountall economic crimes, and some of able within 10 years from the date the legislation are loose-knit," said Wazani in an interview with the Jordan Times. "We intend to tighten the present legislation and come out with a new set of legislation that would cover such crimes as mismanagement and misallocation of funds by government and semi-government officials," he said.

The minister said His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan had taken special interest in the issue, and had forwarded with papers and studies on economic crimes and legislation to the Ministry of Justice to help its task, the minister said, gesturing to a thick pile of papers on his

In addition, an Italian expert has been delegated by the European Community (EC) to the Ministry of Justice on Jordanian request to help authorities with in-depth assessment of an information on economic crimes, Wazani said.

Most of the Jordanian penal code is drawn from British laws, as is the case with many countries which had been under British of benefitting from existing British legislation and helping the process of updating and mod-ernising Jordanian laws governing economic crimes.

To most people, the term "economic crimes" has an inseparable linkage with corruption and bribery, experts point out. But, as explained by the minister, people in responsible government positions can also be held accountable for mismanagement and abuse of their authorities in allocating government funds.

The minister's disclosure comes at a time when "corruption" acutely aware of the situation, appears to have assumed a key slot in the run-up to the Nov. 8 elections and figures high in many candidates' campaign platforms. summons and court procedures. Wazani did not specify any timeframe for the envisaged new legislation.

of laws will not be retroactive. Iraq recently enacted a legislation since such retroactivity will be in setting deadlines for cases, and violation of the Jordanian con- obliging the courts to finish the stitution. "They will be applic- cases within a specified timeable only to crimes committed frame. So, now a case that would after the legislation has been usually take years to settle is enacted," he said.

At the same time, he said, the he said. statute of crimes, whether econo-

of the crime. No immunity from

prosecution

Wazani noted that no one, including government employees of any stature of position, was immune from prosecution under regular procedures, whether in criminal or civil cases, except members of parliament and cabinet ministers. "It is very simple," he said. "A plaintiff does not need permission to claim his rights in civil cases against one, whether government servant or otherwise," he pointed.

But, the situation is a little different, though fundamentals do not change, in cases where the defendant is a member of parliament or a cabinet minister. In the case of a member of parliament, the court needs permission from parliament - in effecting a lifting of the immunity — before he or she could be tried. Again, this applies only when parliament is in session. When it is not, then any member of parliament could be taken to court without immunity colonial rule. In light of this, said with as much privileges, rights, the minister, the authorities are responsibilities and obligations as also considering the possibilities any citizen of the country, Waza-

> In case of a cabinet minister being sued, the court requires permission from the Council of Ministers before he or she could be tried, he said. Along the same lines, a judge can be prosecuted after obtaining permission from the Judiciary Council, he added.

Lengthy procedures

One of the oft-heard complaints from the public is over the lengthy procedures before hearing and trials could begin. Wazani said the Ministry of Justice was and was planning to include amendments to existing procedures with a view to simplifying

"We are studying the existing procedures and the experiences of other countries can benefit finished in a matter of months,"

The minister conceded that mic or otherwise, is 10 years. In cases in Jordan, particularly Amessence, it means that if anyone man and Zarqa—the most popu-committing a crime under existing lous cities in the Kingdom—



Rateb Al Wazani

sometimes take one to three years. He said one of the reasons was the absence of proper street names and addresses which impede the process of serving legal notices or summons.

'Furthermore, most people do not turn up in court in response to the first summons, and police action becomes inevitable" he said. "Also, some lawyers appear to think that it will be in the interest of their clients if the court procedures are delayed; even some judges find it easier to

postpone hearings." Statistics from the Ministry ...

Justice show that 10,394 civil cases were pending in courts an the end of 1987, and 10,318 1988. The number of unfinished criminal cases stood at 101 1987 and 107 in 1988.

Financial disputes

In addition, many of the pe ing cases involve financial : ... outes, particularly in light of in: economic hardhsips brought in b. the difficult economic situation ... the country, Wazani said. "The are many outstanding debts and the creditors have sought legal action."

"Bounced cheques are also another problem which requires legal procedures when the court is approached by the aggrieved

party," he said. One of the ways out of th situation, according to Wazani, i. debt collection agencies as is the case with many Western countries, "Such organisations reduce pressure on the judicial system and functionaries," the minister said. "It also shortens the process of collecting the citizens' rights, and prevents people from continuing to avoid payments of

debts. The minister said he was seriously considering ways to arrange regulations that allow private debt collection agencies. However, he noted, there are no existing legislation that prevent such organisations from opera. ing in Jordan. "People can obtain licence from the Ministry of Industry and Trade and registan agency like any other company or establishment," he pointed

# Election time — good tidings for all

AMMAN - With the official launch Saturday of campaigning by candidates in the Nov. 8 par- observer. hamentary elections, Jordanian newspapers appeared embroidered with election advertisements by about 66 candidates, each vying for the voters' attention.

Some appealed to the voters' sense of national duty towards stones is a holy duty that voters the country. One of the catchy ads asked the voters to elect those best fit for "such a responsibil- an overdose of confidence. ity... since we live in a country whose existence and borders are observer said, "is not the issues threatened."

votes without giving them any reason as to why they should do so... Other, poorer, aspirants type of shallow campaign by the advertising in the inside pages said they were running for the prestigious parliamentary seat be-

popular," commented a reader. nians and Palestinians. A lone Other more pious advertise- candidate, aside from demanding ments quoted verses of the Koran and/or the sayings of the Prophet Mohammad, with carefully chosen words that warned

By Suhair Obeidat "against cheating" and reminded three days to file registration pap-both candidates and voters of the ers, and officials then have three "last day of judgement."

"I hope they heed these words," said an avid election The main themes running

through the ads included demo-

cracy, individual freedoms, national unity and support for the Palestinian uprising.
"Supporting the children of the can fulfil by exercising their right

to vote," said one of the ads with

"What is important," one everyone agrees about, such as A front-page ad, coloured no democracy and the intifada, but less, simply asked for the people's the issues which distinguish one

candidate from the other." "I hope we see more than this candidates in the next three

weeks," he added.

A review of the ads showed cause of popular demand.

"It must be very hard being so that most of the candidates stressed the unity between the Jordathat most of the candidates stressupport for the Palestinians. endorsed the call for "an independent Palestinian state."

Although candidates have

days to reject those not qualified, most candidates are not only sure that the government will accept them but also that they will win a seat in the Lower House of Par-

This risk is not as inexpensive as one might think; for advertisement rates in the local newspapers has jumped as much as 50 per cent. Newspapers are hoping there will be an election every year. A source in one of the local newspapers said that the newspaper he works for "is expecting to make a lot of money but it is very hard to guess."

The tricky point is that the newspapers did not officially say that they are raising prices of election ads, but instead said that they will be handled as news-ads that are common in the papers for which advertisers pay one and half times the price of regular

"We have so many ads, its incredible," said the source who insisted on anonymity for obvious reasons. "Many of these ads have been reserved weeks in adv-

## NHF attends meeting of Arab Club for Resources Development in U.K.

AMMAN (J.T.) --- Noor Al Hussious countries on human resein Foundation (NHF) Saturday sources development and took part in the first constituent motherhood care. meeting of the Arab Social Club for Resources Development which was held in London.

A NHF statement here said that the projected club, which is affiliated to the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), will seek to offer assistance in the course of implementing programmes and social projects in the Arab World.

The projected club is also de-

signed to create a group of representatives from the public and private sectors who can pool their efforts to promote development programmes conducted by nongovernmental organisations within the Arab World, according to the statement.

It said that the first constituent assembly in London will sound out areas where the IPPF can implement programmes and pro-

jects within the Arab World and will discuss a draft constitution and a statute that would define

strategies and objectives. According to the statement the IPPF, which was founded in 1952 at general meeting held in the Indian city of Bombay, groups 105 societies and carried out its activities in more than 130 nations around the World.

In addition to the Arab World. the IPPF groups the African region, the South East Asia and Oceania regions, Europe, the Indian Ocean region.

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## Slogans notwithstanding

ONE QUICK glance at the proliferating candidates' programmes (or let us say slogans) that surfaced on the first day of the elections campaign would suggest that candidates are generally in agreement on most issues. They all seem to seek the same objectives ranging from the call for general freedoms to the establishment of political rights. Of course the call for national unity and support for the Palestinian intifada figures high on the platforms of the majority of the contesters. There are also those who are more specific than others in spelling out their conception of the political freedoms they seek by calling for the lifting of martial laws and emergency regimes and for consolidating equality among Jordanians in all contexts. So on the basis of declared intentions, there are hardly much differences between the candidates with the exception of the "fundamentalists" whose call for strict adherence to Islam as the only way for salvation and victory is more accentuated and more pronounced.

How then will voters make choices among the numerous candidates' appears to be more related to personal relations and convictions as well as assessment of the characters of the candidates than to their banners in public places and advertisements in daily journals. Surely, Jordanian voters are not so naive as to believe that all candidates have the conviction of their words and truly intend to stand by all their promises or that they would work faithfully to realise them once they have secured a place in Parliament.

Nevertheless, a closer reading of the political scene would reveal that whereas many of the people exercising their right to vote want a working parliament without rocking the boat too much, there is a sizable number of voters who seek to rock the boat sufficiently enough to attract attention and concern for grievances and aspirations, be they economic or religious. That the Jordanian body politic is sufficiently divided to make the anticipation of the results of the Nov. 8 elections exciting and unpredictable is a foregone conclusion. Like voters elsewhere in the world, the socio-economic backgrounds of Jordanian voters will determine to a great extent their choice of candidates. Other factors, notably the religious and political perspectives, are also expected to play a significant role in shaping voters' preferences. So slogans or no slogans, the majority of voters have already picked and chose their candidates on the basis of what they perceive as the best for chosen the country.

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Al Ra'i daily discussed His Majesty King Hussein's addresses in Canada and referred also to a speech by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on the eve of the Prophet Mohammad's birthday anniversary in which he underlined the King's call for national unity, tolerance and amity among the members of the Jordanian people. The paper said that Prince Hassan's speech was clearly directed at voters and candidates in the coming election, echoing King Hussein's views on the need for Jordan to exercise democratic and parliamentary rule by responsible people able to solve the problems facing the nation. The paper underlined the need for both sides to be objective and to seek reason and be responsible in their actions; and urged Jordanians to be vigilant and aware of extremist elements. The paper said that parliament means the start of a new stage in democratic life in the Kingdom and a stage in which the Jordanian family should interact and translate their ideas into constructive work. The paper referred to King Hussein's speeches in Canada in which he conveyed to the Canadian public the real image of the situation in the Middle East and explained Jordan's endeavours to embark on a fruitful partiamentary rule.

Writing in Al Ra'i Arabic daily, columnist Abdul Rahim Omar comments on the coming parliamentary elections and the campaigns which started by the candidates Saturday. The writer says the coming weeks will witness a heavy competition among the candidates who hope to win seats in the Lower House of Parliament. Most of the candidates are claiming they will safeguard public liberties and deal with the economic crisis; and on the pan-Arab level, they intend to support the intifada of the Palestinian people by words and deeds. All the candidates are pledging to work for the benefit of their nation and their countrymen, each one is boasting of his or her previous sacrifices in serving the country's higher interests, says the writer. Indeed the main questions irking the public in Jordan are dwelt on by the candidates in their slogans, but it remains to be seen whether they can take real steps to find solutions; and if they do, they will no doubt ensure public confidence for years to come.

Al Dustour daily tackled part of an address by His Majesty King Hussein at Calgary Club in Canada, mentioning in particular his reference to Israel's continued obstruction of peace efforts in the Middle East. The paper said that Israel continues to reject the call of peace and continues to occupy Palestinian land by force of arms, and rejects the idea of recognising the Palestinian people's rights in their homeland. In his address, the King presented the world with the facts about the Middle East situation and shoulders the responsibility of impeding the region's development and the full utilisation of natural resources to serve the people of the region, the paper pointed out. The paper quoted the King as saying that injustice can never pave the way for stability and does not conform to mankind's aspirations for a better and more progressive life. The Middle East region has paid with blood and with natural resources the price of instability and lack of peace over the past four decades, said the paper. It said that the King's address served as a call on the world community to take speedy action that would end conflicts in the Middle East and pave the way for development and progress in an atmosphere of peace and Sunday's Economic Pulse

# Environment, technology, and controls

BEFORE scientific, technological and industrial advancement, nature was self balanced, stable, sustainable and healthy. The advanced civilisation created new threats and hazards such as the drying up of water sources, the pollution of air and of drinking water and the destruction of vast areas of trees and other green

The issue of environment took a secondary position in our country. Very few were aware of the creeping problem and had a sense of future. Their call for the protection of the environment was frowned upon. They were accused of raising subjects that only had an intellectual importance. They were perceived by the public opinion as people attempting to imitate the West, where people already solved their political, national and social problems, and were left with nothing to worry about except the protection of the environment and the challenge it presents.

However, the development and procurement of modern technology and industrial capabilities led us to suddenly face drastic threats to our environment, without being prepared, neither from the legislation or experience points of view, nor on the general mentality stand point. Thus the pollution of water, the hazards created by industry, and the poisoning incidents are all, in a way, indications of advancement and a price for development. Since we have a national consensus over modernisation, the adaptation of technology, and the pushing ahead in the mechanisation of agricultural production, we may have to pay the price. Incidents and scandals will take place from time to time. Even advanced countries are not immune from atomic radiation, yellow rain, the death of forests, and the pollution of rivers and other similar environmental upheavals.

We have therefore to marry new technology with controls and strict regulations. We should not close down a factory or prevent a new industry in Zerqa area, for example, in order to protect the water of King Talal Dam from pollution. Instead we should have procedures and conditions to be adhered to, to safeguard water, prevent poisonous gases from leakage, protect underground water, and other environmental and safety precautions.

Of course environmental protection and regulations are costly. They raise the industrial cost of production. Therefore we should avoid rigid regulations that aim at absolute safety. Absolute safety is desirable but we cannot afford it, except at the cost of losing our economic competitiveness in production. We have to compromise

and find a middle ground. It is advisable to start by adaptation of all basic procedures and controls that are lower in cost and higher in return, before we reach more sophisticated and costly

When incidents take place, which is inevitable, as happened during the last several weeks, we should not panic, nor shift from a position of complete relaxation and gross carelessness to a position of extreme rigidness that can kill industry and render production unfeasible. Accidents are lessons to learn from, to revise our practices and regulations, to close the gaps and to prevent or reduce the probability of recurrence.

The extremely stringent controls imposed by aviation authorities in America and Europe did not prevent at least 10 airplane total crashes every year. However, every aviation accident is being thoroughly investigated to extract lessons and to prevent similar accidents, including the modification of aircraft if a weak point was discovered.

Poisoning and environmental hazards are here to stay. They are an unavoidable price for development and industrialisation. They provide lessons to learn from and to use them for the future. They should not be used to kill industry.

# E. Germans shift on reform; Western diplomats warn of limits

By Martin Nesirky Reuter

EAST BERLIN - East Germany has finally acknowledged intense pressure for changes in its hardline system, but Western diplomats warned against expecting Soviet-style reforms to emerge overnight.

"They are finally starting to wake up," said one diplomat af-ter studying a lengthy and drama-tic appeal to the country from the ruling politburo of the Commun-

ist party.
"But it is still very early days yet and most certainly not perestroika in the GDR (East Germany)," he said, referring to Moscow's programme of political and economic changes. Other diplomats, startled by

the swift turn of events this week in the hitherto monolithic state. said East Berlin had faced pressure from at least three sources and could no longer afford to maintain it was on the right

About 50,000 people have fled the country in the past month and the same number have emigrated legally, the greatest exodus since the Berlin Wall went up in 1961.

In the worst scenes of unrest for 36 years, thousands spilled on to the streets last week in an outpouring of frustration at the lack of reform. Reform groups, headed by the 15,000-strong New Forum, have also surfaced in the past month.

Amid all this Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev visited for East Germany's 40th birthday and apparently made clear, without giving orders, that something had to change to ensure stability in a country which faces the West and houses 380,000 Soviet troops.

"It was a mixture of the three and, of course, we cannot know what Gorbachev said. But it was clear they had to do something to buy time and mollify the populace," said one East European

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"A major point is that they have at last agreed the people leaving the country are not just traitors but ordinary people who had their own good reasons for going," said one envoy.

The politburo said it would

seek the causes for exodus at home, a shift from saying the

people had been bamboozled by the Western media or even drugged and kidnapped.

Official newspapers are already beginning to reflect the change of mood with a spate of daring, critical articles slotted in between more hardline and traditional

The politburo statement, on the front pages of all major news-papers on Thursday, said East Berlin was ready to discuss suggestions for changes in areas like travel, the economy, media and democratic participation.

Although the politburo set out strict limits to this process, the conciliatory nature of the statement contrasted with previous official comments branding some demonstrators as hooligans and recent praise of China which violently suppressed a pro-democracy movement last June. In Thursday's Berliner Zeitung paper, party ideologist Otto Reinhold made clear that there. could be no challenge to central economic planning, the Com-munists' leading role and existing

Referring to the politburo's statement, one diplomat said: "There are lots of 'ifs and buts', but they have at least earned themselves a short breathing space. It remains to be seen whether it is enough to satisfy the demonstrators."

"It has something of the old and new, it is a compromise document, damage limitation, and I certainly don't see a consensus behind it," said one senior

He said the 21-man politburo's

appeal had many internal contra-dictions indicating that the unusual two-day session had been marked by deep divisions between hardliners and moderates.

"They have all committed themselves now and if they don't deliver at least on the stated areas they are in for trouble," another said. "We're dealing with impatient people out there."

The diplomat noted the document had held out the prospect of decisions being taken at the policy-making central committee's next meeting, normally due in November or December. "I just hope that is soon

enough. But to call the meeting forward, as some people are hinting, could give the impression of a crisis and that's the last thing they want, even if it is true," he

## **Baltic popular fronts spread** gospel of democracy

By Jonathan Lyons Reuter

RIGA, Soviet Union — Radical national groups from across the Soviet Union are flocking to the Baltic republics, drawn by a vision of democracy. The powerful popular fronts of

Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia have pioneered the weapons in the battle for greater autonomy from Moscow — from sophisticated communications gear to organising.

And the region provides a

haven safe from the general antagonism and odd police raid, practised by some local authorities "The Balts seem to be lighting

the way for the other groups, said a Western diplomat who has close contact with the region. "Moscow must be concerned by this new network." In the latest stop on the Baltic

circuit, representatives of more than 10 independent national groups - from the Ukraine to central Asia - attended the recent second congress of the Latvian Popular Front in the capital Riga.
They heard a spirited two-day

session approve an ambitions blueprint for an independent. multi-party Latvian nation free of nuclear weapons and foreign The Baltic popular fronts have

captured the imagination of the native populations, largely displacing the Communist party as the leading political and social force across the region. Many party members, includ-

ing leading officials, have forged close ties to the fronts at the risk of displeasing Moscow. Front-backed candidates — in-

cluding party members — to the revamped Soviet parliament last spring won stunning victories in Estonia and Lithuania, and performed strongly in Latvia, which has the largest ethnic Russian population of the three.

Since then the fronts have largely set the political agenda for the region. All three plan active campaigns in the next local elections with an eye to taking over the republican parliaments and legislating their way to autonomy or even independence.

On a more symbolic level, the three mass movements mobilised more than one million people on August 23 in a human chain linking their capitals to protest against the secret 1939 Nazi-Soviet pact that wiped them off the political map as independent

Some of the visiting representatives to the recent Latvian front congress came for inspiration and advice. Some sought the latest computer and communications technology.

Others came in search of vital

"We know we have a lot to learn from the Baltic groups," said Valery Buivol of the nascent Byelorussian group Vozrozhdenie — or renaissance. "Their struggle is our struggle,

their victories are our victories." said Buivol, who is polishing up his Latvian language skills as the group's official liaison with the Riga-based front.

They (the Balts) were the first and we can learn a lot from their successes and their failures," Buivol said. Other Vozrozhdenie repre-

sentatives are assigned to Estonia , where the Byelor ussians held their founding conference after local officials refused permission for the meeting at home. Georgian Popular Front official

Avtangil Imnadze said he had more immediate matters in mind: "Of course, it's very nice to come to these meetings and show support. But when this is all over, we are going to look for paper.
Our (front) newspaper has not

appeared in two months." Proven organisational skills, an educated workforce and democratic traditions dating back to their pre-war independence have given the three Baltic republics special prestige in the eyes of progressive Soviet forces.

So have their extensive overseas contacts, primarily with influential emigre communities in Canada, the United States and Australia and their Scandinavian

The overseas Balts have been a big source of both political and technical support, supplying everything from copying machines to home computers.

Azerbaijani activists speak icalously of facsimile machines brought through this Baltic pipeline from the west, glancing over their shoulder to ensure the riva Armenians do not get too far ahead on the strength of their own large emigre community.

'We do not have anyone shipping us computers. We have trou-ble finding enough typewriters," lamented one member of the Azerbaijani Popular Front. "We are not like those Armenians, with all their high-level contacts in Washington and Paris."

All this has not gone unnoticed at the other end of the political spectrum.

More and more the Russian immigrant communities in the ethnic republics are copying the methods of the popular fronts, rallying support by industrial workers in the biggest Soviet republic, the Russian Federation.

The United Front of Workers of Russia was formed in early September in the Siberian city of Sverdlovsk to back Russianspeaking groups in the Baltic republics and to try to put the: brakes on economic reform.

Representatives of the ethnic Russian Interfront and Interdvizhenie movements from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Tadzhikistan also attended the conference, which drew 110 delegates from 29 industrial centres.

# **Profiles of men sentenced with Nelson Mandela**

# omrades in prison

By Laurinda Keys The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Most of the seven men sentenced with Nelson Mandela to life in prison for sabotage and plotting to overthrow the govern-ment were arrested in July 1963 during a police raid on their headquarters, a farm in the Johannesburg suburb of Rivonia.

in a separate case, but became a defendant in the so-called Rivonia treason trial because he helped found Spear of the Nation, the military wing of the African National Congress.

Here are profiles of the other seven sentenced on June 12.

Walter Sisulu

Sisulu ran the day-to-day op-erations of the ANC as secretarygeneral from 1949-54, when the government ordered him to resgn. He was one of the ANC's most important leaders in the years when it grew from a small organisation into a mass movement. He helped organise the national defiance campaign against apartheid laws in 1952. Born May 18, 1912, in the Xhosa homeland of Transkei, he joined the ANC in 1940 and formed the youth league in 1943 to press for more aggressive tac-tics. After his acquittal along with 155 other defendants in a 1956-61 treason trial, Sisulu was restricted to his house, arrested six times, and finally convicted of furthering the aims of the newly outlawed ANC. While on bail pending appeal he went underground

and was captured three months

later at Rivonia. Govan Mbeki A journalist, teacher, and author of two books, Mbeki was the African National Congress national chairman when he was arrested at Rivonia. As a leader in the Xhosa tribal homeland of Transkei, he made the Eastern Cape province the strongest centre of ANC support in the early Mbeki was born July 18, 1910.

to a prosperous cattle-owning chief and earned university degrees in education and economics. He joined the ANC as a student in 1935 and the Communist Party in 1950. He was acquitted on a tech-

nicality in 1962 of violating the under house arrest, but in 1963 disappeared underground until the Rivonia raid. He was identified at the trial as secretary of the military wing high command. Mbeki was freed unconditionally in November 1987 after

serving 23 years of his life term, in what the government said was a test for the possible release of Mandela. He held two news conferences before the government banned him from making public appearances, giving news interviews or leaving the Port Eli-zabeth area without permission.

Dennis Goldberg Goldberg, 56, the only white convicted at the Rivonia trial, was the first to be freed, after he agreed to renounce violence in March 1985. He was deported to Israel, but went immediately to London. He works full-time in the ANC's mail-order business. mainly selling T-shirts. He also lectures in Britain and elsewhere. Goldberg's parents were members of the Communist Party in Cape Town, where he was born in 1933. He was a successful engineer and, according to evidence at the trial, was responsible for manufacturing devices used in

education camp. Ahmad Kathrada Kathrada, arrested at the age of 17 for participation in a passive

the sabotage campaign. The

Rivonia court found he had run a

military-training camp, which

Goldberg said was political

resistance campaign in 1946, was a member of the ANC military wing's high command. He is one of only two Rivonia trial defendants who denied all the charges against him, and was convicted on only one count, sabotage.

Kathrada was born Aug. 21 1929, in the Western Transvaal to a scholarly Muslim family, and became involved in political activism at age 11. He joined the 1940s and as general-secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress, was instrumental in linking it to the ANC. He was acquitted in the 1956-61 mass treason mal, but was placed under house arrest in October, 1962. He went underground a few months before his

Raymond Mhlaba

Mhlaba denied the charges against him in the Rivonia trial, in particular that he was a member of the high command of the ANC's military wing. But he has been identified in the South African press as the man who became commander-in-chief of the military wing after Mandela's arrest. In 1952, Mhlaba was the first ANC leader to be arrested as part of the nationwide defiance campaign, when he led a group of blacks through the "whites only"

entrance to a train station. He was born Dec. 2, 1920, in the southern city of Fort Beaufort, the son of a policeman. He dropped out of school and worked in the nearby city of Port Elizabeth, where he became active in trade unions. He joined the Communist Party in 1943 and was district secretary from 1946 until it was banned in 1960.

Mhlaba joined the ANC in 1944 and from 1947-53 was branch chairman in Port Elizabeth, where he worked closely with Govan Mbeki. He was elected to the ANC's Cape province executive committee in 1954 and was banned from 1956-57, but continued his political

activities until his arrest at

In 1986, Pollsmoor prison authorities allowed him to marry the mother of three of his eight

Elias Motsoaledi

As a founder of the ANC military wing's Johannesburg re-gional command, Motsoaledi hid recruits and helped send them abroad for inditary train procuring armaments, according to evidence at the Rivonia trial. He said he joined the military

wing in 1962.

Born in Sekhukuneland in Northern Transvaal on July 26, 1924, the son of a migrant labourer, Motsoaledi worked in Johannesburg as a servant, and in boot and furniture factories. He joined the Communist Party in 1949, and the ANC in 1948, becoming member of the provincial execu-

In 1949, he became chairman of the Council of Non-European Trade Unions, organised strikes and was banned in 1952. He was detained in solitary confinement for three months in 1960 before going underground. His wife, Caroline, lives in Soweto. Three of their seven children are in

Andrew Mlangeni

Mlangeni said at the Rivonia trial he had agreed to carry messages for the ANC's armed wing, but denied he was a member. He was arrested at the farm, and was accused during the trial of being responsible for explosives and being a member of the Johannesburg command.

Born in Johannesburg on May 30 1926, he worked as a golf caddy to pay for his schooling, and later as a clerk, bus driver and journalist. He joined the ANC in 1951 and was regional secretary for the township of Soweto from 1958-60, before he

# Malaysian opposition—unlikely partners

By Lai Kwok Kin

KUALA LUMPUR -Malaysia's fledgling opposition alliance is collecting unlikely political bedfellows in a fierce and unprecedented bid to topple the government of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad.

Analysts said the alliance, led by Mahathir's ally-turned-archrival Razaleigh Hamzah, faces an uphill task to persuade voters of its viability ahead of a general election expected to be held before the middle of next year. It is the first time in Malaysia's

parties have united to form an

Malay party.

Former Finance Minister

Razaleigh's Semangat-46 party has teamed up with the fun-damentalist Islamic party Partai Islam se-Malaysia and two smaller groups to form the Malaybased Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah (Muslim Unity Move-

The movement, and the opposition Chinese-based Democratic Action Party (DAP), hold 36 of 177 parliamentary seats and opposition leaders said they could gather enough support to jointly 32-year history that opposition form a government.

Analysts said an opposition vicalternative to the 11-member tory was unlikely, partly because

multi-racial coalition government the DAP last week rejected an dominated by Mahathir's main offer to form an election pact offer to form an election pact with the new alliance, saying it opposed the Islamic party's goal of making Malaysia an Islamic

state. "Razaleigh has problems trying to reconcile opposites in his camp," one Asian ambassador said, referring to differences between the DAP, which has support among urban Chinese, and the Islamic party, which appeals to rural ethnic Malays.

He said the DAP rejection, while expected, would slash valuable support for the alliance among Chinese, who form a third of Malaysia's 17 million popula-

August 1988 has shown the Malay vote is roughly split down the middle, making Chinese backing crucial to an opposition alliance

victory. Members of the Islamic party, which enjoys support in four northern states, are suspicious of Razaleigh who, as a key lieute-nant of Prime Minister Mahathir, engineered the party's ouster

from the ruling coalition in 1977.
"They (Razaleigh's supporters) are more experienced politically and we have to respect that experience. We have to forgive them," Islamic party spokesman Subky Latiff said.

The movement has mapped out a strategy aimed at winning near-A series of by-elections since by 90 predominantly Malay seats.



## **Focus on People**

# Being there

By Mariam M. Shahir

OVER THE last 20 or more years thousands of Jordanians have left their country to receive a higher education or better employment opportunities abroad. Their destinations were varied. Initially, many Jordanians travelled to other hard countries to further their education. Now an ever increasing to other Arab countries to further their education. Now an ever increasing number leaves for Western Europe or North America. While some come back after their "mission is completed," others stay on in the countries which often come to adopt them as their own. Breahin Salti is one of the Jordanians belonging to the latter category. Having left Amman for Beirut, Lebanon, in 1955 for higher education, Salti eventually stayed on and has since been appointed as the acting president of the American University of Beirut (AUB), one of the most distinguished higher education institutions in the Arab World. On a recent brief visit to Amman he talked to Focus on Penals.

ALTHOUGH children often "repay-in-kind" the love, time and services given to them by their parents and educators, adopted children are often more giving and gracious than the native children. One such adoptive son is Into giving and gracious than the native children. One such adoptive son is Ibrahim Salti; his adopted home is Lebanon, more specifically the AUB. Salti, a Jordanian born in Jerusalean in 1941, had had his higher education in Lebanon and lived on and off in the country from 1955 to 1970. After graduating with an M.D. and specialising in endocrinology, he was appointed as a member of the teaching staff at the AUB's Faculty of Medicine in 1970 while being a practising physician at the American University Hospital (AUH).

Although Salti regularly visited his family in Jordan, as many expatriates do, he felt dutybound to his adopted country where he felt at home after 15 years of stay. So, even after the Lebanese civil was broke out in 1974 Salti

years of stay. So, even after the Lebanese civil war broke out in 1974, Salti felt it was his duty as a physician to serve the people who, then and now, stood more than ever in dire need of him.

Since the beginning of the war, Salti and his Lebanese wife have continuously treated regular patients as well as thousands of war casualties. Although many Lebanese and long-time non-Lebanese residents of Berry led the hortality of the war, for effect have Salti tread on steed first. iled the brutality of the war for safer havens, Salti stayed on steadfastly

doing what he felt he must.
"I never wanted to leave Beirut," he said. "And so I never did."
After having served the AUB for 17 years as a teacher of medicine and practising physician Salti was appointed deputy president of the university. It was an unprecedent move, and due to highly unusual circumstances. No Arab had ever been named de facto president of the AUB.

"Since the AUB was founded in 1866 all its presidents have been American. It is not a law but it is a tradition. Since it is a university which

carries both the name and the tradition of the American higher education

carries both the name and the tradition of the American higher education system, it has always been felt that it would only be appropriate to have an American as its president," Salti said.

Hostilities against foreigners, Americans in particular, prompted the U.S. government to impose a ban on U.S. citizens travelling to Lebanon in 1987. Thus the AUB board of trustees, after long deliberations decided to appoint Salti as the university's deputy resident president.

Salti does not feel that choosing a Jordanian as deputy president of an American university in Lebanon was in any way unusual.

"The character of the AUB had always been particularly pan-Arab and even international to a large degree. Till today there are 40 Jordanian academicians out of a total of 400 on the teaching staff. We have at least one Jordanian vice-president and a Syrian dean of colleges. And in the one-war academicians out of a total of 400 on the teaching staff. We have at least one Jordanian vice-president and a Syrian dean of colleges. And in the pre-war years there was an average carolment of 500 Jordanian students out of a total student body of 4,000," Salti recalls.

Although Salti had lived through a great deal of the war already, his new responsibilities represented a whole new array of challenges.

"Above and beyond the regular responsibilities and difficulties faced by a university's chief administrator, we have the on-going war. There are a lot of moral day-to-day 'emergency' decisions that have to be made," Salti

says.

Since late last March, when the university was effectively closed down with the exception of the Faculty of Medicine and the university hospital, over 80 shells hit the campus and caused considerable material damage,

although no human injuries incurred. He noted that the AUH cared for 80 per cent of the war casualties of west Beirut in the latest round of fighting which broke out seven months ago and is now on the brink of ending. The fighting was said to be among the worst

in the country's civil war.

Salti added, however, that many international agencies had made concerned efforts in the last 15 years to care for the wounded who need rehabilitation. It is, he says, a long-term and seemingly insurmountable

'Our day-to-day activities are often hampered by the lack of such necessities as water, electricity, food supplies and airports," he said. "So, we often return to subsistence life styles. Classes have of course been we often return to subsistence life styles. Classes have of course been effected by the situation and many graduate programmes have had to be cancelled for the time being. We are concentrating on the subsistence programmes. In the last seven to eight years students have tended to turn away from the liberal arts majors and have concentrated their efforts on majors that will ensure their employment once they graduate. Engineering, medicine and business are the majors most demanded by students," Sain

says.

Lebanon in general and Beirut in particular are expected to face a durable and in particular are expected to face a durable. building boom, in part reconstructive and in part innovative, after a durable ceasefire between the warring factions takes effect. Thus many young Lebanese hope to take part in the rebuilding of their country.

Hoping that a durable ceasefire will take effect soon, Salti says the university will be able to "get on" with its educational mission. The second oldest university in the area, the AUB's mission has changed over the years, Salti says. "Today we are one of well over 70 universities in the region and of course that makes our mission quite different from when the university was first founded. One of our main aims is to uphold the good quality of the education we give, which means in part that the university must remain small in size." Salti said.

He also pointed out that the AUB has produced a very long list of students who have gone on to positions of great distinction in the Arab World. "Almost in every country in the Arab World several ministers are

AUB graduates in any given government at any given time. At present three Jordanian ministers belong to the AUB alumni."

The alumni clubs are essential in funding the university, which this year expects to have a \$10 million deficit. The second largest chapter of the alumni club in the Arab World after Beirut is in Amman, with 1,000 members. The U.S. has anywhere from 3,000 to 4,000, according to Salti. As Sahi talked about prominent Jordanians who had graduated from the AUB, he mentioned at least one former prime minister, countless ministers, members of the Upper House of Parliament and members of Jordan's business community, he forgot, however, to mention himself.



# A passion for the wilds

By Evelyne Simonnet

NICOLE Viloteau, a reptile-specialist, photographer, writer and adventurer, is an unusual person. Aged 42, this good-looking young woman has, for more than ten years, chosen to periodically cast off the trappings of civilisation in order to make contact with primi-

With only the indispensable backpack containing survival items (poncho-raincoat, dry spare clothing, a pocket-hammock. medicine and a supply of water and dried food) and work material (photo and sound equipment, maps and a compass), she travels through what she calls equatorial tropical environments, alone.

Those worlds of forest or de-

sert are, at the same time, the song of life and of death. I am on a wire between the two. I live at the rhythm of that symphony which balances, inebriates and regenerates me". She is her own guide, armed only with a small machete, an American dagger, a paralysing spray and a morale of

Totally immersed, body and soul, in nature in the raw, she lives through the primitive pulsations of the wild world through all

her heightened senses. Whether she is carried away by the song of the Australian desert, a marriage of wind and sand, or by the song of the rain-forest "ocean murmurs, hissing of gases, rustling branches", or whether she mingles with the odour of the Gabon jungle smell-

ing of "roses, peonies, stuffed tomatoes, squashed bugs, car-away, black olives, caramel, chocolate, wet dog, damp linen and green pepper", she always seeks to draw the original meaning of life from a sensual, instinctive relationship with nature.

By studying reptiles, she discovered a way of communicating with animals; "by watching them mate, I understood what kind of caresses give them pleasure. It is a way of winning them over and acts as a kind of code allowing an instinctive, almost immediate contact with wild animals." Danger is always present in

solo adventure: bears, wolves, dingoes, lions and billions of insects with their sometimes deadly sting; labyrinths of vegetation concealing deep ditches and pits of muddy water where one can break one's bones, drown or get lost. And that is not all. There is yellow fever, malaria, leishmaniasis, filariasis, dysentery. The list of terrible diseases transmitted by the inhabitants of tropical rain forests is long.

Nicole is not unfamiliar with and does not refuse fear which is, at the same time, a surpassing of oneself and an education for the instinct of survival. With wild animals, she invents rituals so that they grow familiar with her peaceful presence and respect her territory. To foil the traps of the vegetation, she locates the streams which always lead to villages. Every time she returns from an expedition, Nicole has an

appointment with specialists at the Cochin hospital in Paris, in case of parasitosis.

Pain can also be tamed: "When you see your blood flowing, your flesh suffering and your wounds closing up, your love of life grows even more. And, the following time, if it is the same pain, you no longer feel it...".

This total, intimate osmosis with the wild world is a philosophy which Nicole Viloteau wants to reveal, understand and share. When she is staying in France, between two visas, she completes her expeditions with all the thoroughness of a naturalist: she gives lectures in ethno-zoology, rectifying the knowledge scientists have on wildlife and bringing it up to date. She works with botanists to identify as yet unknown plants, and writes books telling her adventures and presenting remarkable ecological documents on the environments she explores ("La Femme aux Serpents", "Des jungles plein la tête", published by Flammarion, and "Australie, démons et merveilles", published by Arthaud). Her hope and struggle is to defend nature in a different way, through authentic messages, in order to reach people who generally have a classical, colourless view of ecology and the protection of animals which does not move them. In reading her books and listening to her live recordings, she hopes "people will perhaps be afraid with me, cry with me and dream...". — French features.

# **Environment** another market novelty

By Carlos Castilho

With much international concern focused on the destruction of the Amazonian rain forests, in Brazil itself, the media are devoting more time than ever to environmental issues. But the author questions their sincerity and asserts that little positive action is being taken by either the printed press or television.

RIO DE JANEIRO — "Three years ago, ecology was for trendy eccentrics. Today conservation has become one of the most popular items on television, claims Fabio Perez, editor-inchief of an important news programme in Brazil, watched daily by some 60 million people.

The phenomenon has even affected the weekly documentary programme of TV Globo, the largest television network in Brazil. It now broadcasts an average of two items a month, of up to seven minutes, on environmental

Educational Television, owned by the government, broadcasts a weekly 13-minute programme exclusively devoted to ecological questions. The programmes are then distributed on video-cassette to secondary schools and univer-

"Green" issues have also been taken up by advertisers. In May, when Environment day is celebrated, advertising agencies launched as many as nine new commercials, all of them concerned with defending the environment.

In the written press, the trend is less evident. The newspaper Folha de Sao Paulo launched a monthly supplement devoted to ecology, but the experiment failed and was suspended.

In Rio de Janeiro, the Jornal do Brasil, the fourth most important daily in the country, waited until 1988 before devoting a regular special section to environmental issues.

Coverage in both television and the written media may have risen surprisingly in the last two years — and especially since the assassination in December of the rubber-tapper leader, Francisco Mendes — but the quality still needs to improve. So contends Fabio Feldmann, the only "green" politician in the Brazilian National Congress. "It is good that the press is

paying attention to ecological issues," he says, "but this is not enough. It also needs to point out the causes and name those responsible for the pressure on environmental equilibrium. Most member of the nearly 200

ecological movements which have emerged recently in Brazil share these sentiments. They demand of the press greater investigative rigour in reporting cases involving the destruction of non-renewable natural resources, especially about Amazonia.

Feldmann points out that the loud denunciations of deforestation only became effective after being taken up by the international media.

The most typical case is that of the tree-burnings in the central region and in Brasilian Amazonia. The Jornal do Brasil had begun discussing the subject in 1986, but the news items were sparse and did not succeed in calling public or government attention to the issues.

It was only after North American and European newspapers took up the subject that Brazi-lians woke up to the problem.

Brazilian television made its first documentary on the Amazonian destruction only after Time magazine published a cover story on the topic. Similarly, the assassination of Francisco Mendes only became a national cause as a result of the reaction of nongovernmental organisations abroad.

And despite all these pressures, the murder has still not been totally cleared up. Threats continue against environmental activists in the Amazon and the central region.

In May, the Land Pastoral Commission, an organisation linked to the Catholic Church,

denounced the existence of a list of almost 320 people against whom landowners — who violently oppose their campaigns against indiscriminate deforestation - have issued death threats.

Neither television nor newspapers have made any independent attempt to get to the bottom of the Mendes murder.

British newspapers recently re-ported that a British oil company was among companies involved in Amazonian deforestation.

This has been known in Brazil for some time, where it is also not a secret that German and Japanese multinationals own enormus tracts of land in the Amazon which are being deforested. But the facts were not pub-

However, Brazilian television's discovery of the environment is suffused with nostalgia.

Jose Lutzenberger, Brazil's most famous ecologist and winner of the Right Livelihood Award in 1988, welcomes television's discovery of the environment, especially in Globo. But he feels nostalgia is the wrong motivation.

Lutzenberger argues that popular awareness must be mobilised more quickly, because the destruction of nature is advancing with even greater speed". He wants the press to investigate more and not limit itself to superficial plaints.

The editors of TV Globo admit their new concern fo. ecology and the environment is a response to clear popular interest rather than a deliberate decision to promote ecological awareness.

Meanwhile, the Amazon dry season has already started, and with it the annual burning of the forests. But the Brazilian media remain silent.

Television could play a key role in stopping the fires because its message reaches almost 70 per cent of Brazilians, while the total circulation of all newspapers combined does not even reach 12

per cent of the population. Without pressure from public opinion, the government does nothing because its interests are entwined with those of the companies and individuals involved with the destruction of the forest.

## Pheromones, the anti-theft device of the year 2,000

By Michel Delabarre

EVER since the dog became man's companion, man has noticed that dogs are sensitive to smells which we do not notice. We often speak of a dog's sense of smell. Over the centuries, with the passing of time, as our knowledge increased, we were able to notice that many other breeds of animal had gifts which we lacked.

Numerous animal species have brain structures which are far more developed than ours in the field of perceiving high-pitched sounds and in their sense of smell. Going down the animal scale, we still wonder which mysterious system guides migratory birds in their long journeys, and the behaviour of insects still retains many of its secrets.

Fundamental research on the chemical means of communication between animals, carried out over several years by the French National Scientific Research Centre (CNRS) has come up with an original idea which is so interest-

ing that it has immediately been protected by an international patent. Smell is to be used as a perfect anti-theft system in the near future.

Among vertebrates, the dog, "an animal which lives in a world of smells" has justified its reputation. It acts as an assistant to the police, the customs, rescue services etc. It has a hyper-developed sense of smell and is able to detect the scent of a single molecule left by another dog several weeks earlier. These chemical substances, which act as a message, a marking or a call, have been called "pheromones."

These pheromones, which have been isolated and studied are increasingly better known and objects can thus be "marked" with them. Dogs are then able to infallibly find these objects again by their smell, while the smell remains imperceptible to human beings. A thief has absolutely no way of telling that a particular object has been marked, but the dog will make no mistake about

it. The smell, which cannot be detected by man and remains for a very long time, can be recognised by a dog, even under wrap-pings. And the markings can always be freshened up if they start to fade, although certain pheromones appear to remain indefi-

In the invertebrates, this same basic research on pheromones has produced identical results in numerous cases; many species appear to have just as keen a sense of smell. A bee is thus able to detect a saucer of sugared water from a distance of over 100 metres and a Bombyx can recognise the chemical signal of a female of the species from a kilometre away. It is quite easy to imagine a

policeman or a customs' officer baving a little box containing a few harmless insects which he can release in any particular place and see them heading for the stolen object, or objects, even if they have been altered, disguised or wrapped up. French features.



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# Wall Street stock market plunges into maze of junk

NEW YORK (Agencies) — The junk bond monster that has carried Wall Street through its takeover boom came back to haunt traders Friday the 13th of the stock market's scariest month.

The October jinx hit the stock market as the Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 190.58 points to 2,569.26, wiping out 6.91 per cent of its value, two years after the market's worst crast in October 1987 and 60 years after the October 1929

Now traders are trying to decide if the nightmare is over. "Over the weekend, peocple may not think the situation is as serious as they thought Friday, said Charles Jensen of MKI Securities. "We just don't

"You might see the worst of this being over early next week," said Jack Conlon of Nikko Securities. "You can't minimise the impact of this selloff. But I don't think you're going to have a repeat of October 1987."

That year, the stock market was flattened by the biggest selloff on record, an Oct. 19 plunge of 508 points.

The decline that day was laid to various factors, including talk in Congress of new restrictions on mergers.

Takeovers again played a role in the Friday the 13th selloff. An announcement that the \$6.75 biliion buyout of UAL, the parent of United Airlines, was in trouble unhinged an already jittery market. The news sent stocks into a 200-point freefall. For the week, the Dow dropped 216.26 points. Winy should a deal involving one airline rip through a market of thousands of listed stocks with

such force? "It created a mild financial penic," said Hugh Johnson of First Albany Corp. "It's necessarily not the death knell or the last nail in the coffin of junk bonds. But it may be."

The UAL deal was to be financed by traditional bank lending, and not junk bonds, the high-risk, high-return bonds often used to finance buyouts. But analysts said it sparked

broader fears that the fuel for the 1980s takeover boom may not carry into the 1990s. Lenders, either junk bond dealers or banks, are tightening up after a number of big deals have failed. Meanwhile, those who have

committed funds to UAL and other deals are apt to get hurt if the takeovers come to a halt, as some feared Friday. A number of deals in the high-risk, speculative bond market have gone bad, the biggest of which was Campeau, the junk-bond-financed company that is the largest operator of the U.S. department stores.

Campeau needed a bailout when it could not meet its bond payments last month.

'If they can't get financing for the UAL deal the investment community is going to take a real hit," said Larry Wachtel of Prudential-Bache Securities. "It's going to be a real disaster."

The stage was set for a stock market selloff from the start of the weck when the market waltzed to its fifth consecutive closing

high.
The Dow Jones industrial average, which includes the stocks of 30 of America's largest companies, had risen about 750 points since mid-November of last year. "With the benefit of hindsight. it's easy to say that the quality of the relly was not very good," said

"The rally was getting more and more thin. We were really perched on the edge of a fairly significant correction," he added. The UAL announcement pounded stocks, already

Nik : o's Conlon.

weakened by aggressive computer-driven sell programmes sparked by an announcement earlier Friday of unexpected strong gains in the September wholesale prices and retail sales.

John Connolly of Dean Witter said he saw a lot of programme trading involved in the tumble and thought that on Monday people would be in the market to buy, not sell.

"I don't see a black Monday, what I see is a minor event magnified by programme trading. The takeover binge is coming to an end, it is to the banks' credit not to loan money if the deal doesn't look good," he noted.

But additional selling could occur Monday and take the market lower. "There was nervousness out

there," said MKI's Jensen. "People were sitting back and letting the market run its course. When' there was no bounce, they got even more nervous. They remember October 1987. That doesn't

On a purely economic basis, there is reason to believe the stock market will rebound. The dollar is strong, unlike September 1987, when the Federal Reserve was intent on propping up the dollar. It raised interest rates and the market began falling, climaxing with the October crash.

The stock market's sudden drop sent financial workers . out onto Wall Street in a daze, assessing the damage and already worrying about next week.
"It's not fun, it's not fun,"

mumbled a middle-aged man in a trench coat as he emerged from the New York Stock Exchange after the final bell. "People were taking a little bit of a beating in The man in the trench coat,

who would not give his name, predicted more of the same following the weekend: "I think they're gonna run on Monday.' Memories of 1987 dominated conversation. "I thought it was all over two

years ago," said a stock exchange floor reporter named Anthony. "But I never thought it would happen again. I figured only on Friday the 13th would this happen.

shook his head and said to a friend, "I'm trying to figure out whether I got my head handed to me. I just don't know." But stockbroker Bernard

Klein was defiantly optimistic: This is not going to be like Black .Monday. The market is going to stick on Monday, absolutelsy. What we had today was just panic

Jeff Schure, an options trader. wasn't so sure.

"This just shows that the upward movement wasn't on stable ground," Schure said. "Most people took hit today. One guy l know went down for \$150,000. Said options trader Larry Men-

delson: "Monday's going to be a scary day. People have all weekend to think about this. It was grim."

"World stock markets are bracing themselves for a rerun of the 1987 crash," the Times of London said in Saturday's editions. "Fund managers were forecast-ing that the fall would lead to a global wave of selling, although

many doubted that it would be at the panic levels of 1987," it said. In Hong Kong, Larry Tam, the director of Sun Hung Kai Secur-ities, expressed confidence that the American stock market drop

would not greatly affect the Hong Kong market when it reopens

He pointed to an upward trend on the Hong Kong market in recent days on the strength of several major projects in the col-ony, including a new airport.

In Japan, dealers predicted Saturday that the U.S. plunge might cause a drop in the Tokyo market, but they predicted it would be only temporary.
"The Nikkei index might also

plunge when the Tokyo market opens Monday, because Japanese investors will be inclined to sell largely discouraged by the plunge in New York," said Kazuhiro Nomura, a dealer with New Japan Securities Co.

He said the Nikkei index might drop nearly 1,000 points tempor-

The Japanese market will want to watch what happens in New York Monday, so majority of investors will step off to the sidelines," he said.

But Nomura predicted that the fall in New York awould not have major lasting impact on the Tokyo market.

"Since there is no change in Japanese economic funmentals, the Tokyo market will not fall as sharply as in New York just because of the plunge on Wall Street," he said.

greater concern. \*Sentiment in London was already nervous," said Terry Connor, head of market making at the London finance house Robert Fleming. "It's reminis-cent of 1987 and almost anything can happen. ...we are in for a very nervous Monday." Alex Hammond-Chambers, of

In Europe, analysts expressed

the British fund management company Ivory and Sime, noted the worldwide ripple effect after the U.S. crash in 1987. "I imagine London will follow

suit Monday," he said. But Hammond added: "We survived that one (in October 1987) and the markets have since recovered."

Richard Jeffrey, director of economics at the London securities company Hoare Govett, said comparisons with 1987 were unfair because many companies were now on valued at lower He added, however, that prices

on the London market could fall heavily when it reopens Monday. He predicted that the Financial Times share price index of 30 jor market indicator, could fall to 1,718 Monday, down from 1,818 at the close Friday night.

His prediction of a 100-point fall compares with a drop of 183.7 points to 1,629.2 on Oct. 19, 1987 the first day of the crash two

Jeffrey said the London market had escaped the vogue for highlyleveraged buyouts, which he blamed for the sharp fall in New York Friday. The London market, he said, would thus be spared

a dramatic collapse. The Bank of England, in a statement Friday night, also suggested the U.S. market had been undermined by leveraged trans-

But John Chiene, chairman of the British investment bank County Natwest Wood Mackenzie, said: "Our stock market has been in a delicate condition for some time. Given the extent to which we have been tracking Wall Street, this news is likely to have a significant adverse impact on Monday."

London stock market prices were soft this past week as the value of the British pound con-tinued to slip despite high interest

Prime Minister. Margaret Thatcher's Conservative govern-ment on Oct. 5 increased British interest rates by one percentage point to 15 per cent following interest rate increases by West Germany and five other European countries. But the increase failed to stop the pound from

The Financial Times 30-share index closed Friday night 39.8 points lower over the week.

Dollar goes down

The Dow plunge pounded down the U.S. dollar Friday in hectic selling. Harried traders reported an

atmosphere of alarm suddenly engulfed the currency markets late in the afternoon as stock prices skidden on the New York Stock Exchange. "It just seemed everybody

wanted to sell dollars. It was just a mass panic," said Thomas Palladino, an assistant vice president at the New York office of the Amsterdam Rotterdam Bank. "There was an eerie sense of deja vu," said Kevin Laurie, manager of treasury operations at

the Bank of Boston in New York. The dollar reacted it to pretty Dollar sales bred additional selling as the dollar sank below thresholds that professional traders had designated as "stop loss" levels. In stop-loss manoeuvres, traders sell to guard against poss-

The drop in the dollar was exaggerated by the diminished trading volume that is typical for Friday afternoons. On Fridays, banks stop de

ibly losing more money in case a

market slide continues.

directly with one another earlier than on other days of the week, which reduces liquidity in the market. Price movements have a greater impact when liquidity is

Dealers said they expected the dollar to lose additional ground against other major currencies in Asian trading over the weekend.



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## **Amman to help Sanaa** in telecommunications

from the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) will soon visit North Yemen to advise on the implementation of a development and modernisation programme of the telephone system in that country in the course of implementing resolutions adopted by the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) countries. This was announced here

Saturday by TCC Director-General Mohammad Shahid ·Ismail upon returning home at Jordan.

involved in helping North Yemeni officials and technicians in matters related to maintenance, management and operation of the He said that the teams would

telecommunication operations, also help in carrying out the twinning programme between the two institutes for telecommunication training in North Yemen and

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# Canada plans aid to Jordan

OTTAWA (Petra, J.T.) Canada will offer Jordan \$17.5 million in economic aid over the coming two years, according to an announcement by the Cana-dian Prime Minister Brian Mul-

Quoted by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, the prime minister said the Canadian assistance will help Jordan exploit its natural gas and assist in the Kingdom's endeavours in search of

Canada will offer Jordan other forms of assistance through the Canadian Agency for International Developm to help the Kingdom carry out its economic restructuring programmes and food strategy which could together reach \$ million, Mulroney added.

He said that Canada will als provide assistance designed to back the Jordanian government's public administratio training and industrial projects

erument amounced a 19 million Canadian dollar grant to the Kingdom and said that the Petfor Cooperation will work ploration activities in the Risbo area, north east of Jordan.

But later, the director-gene thority said after a visit to Otta wa that the Kingdom will try to get further assistance to back its oil exploration efforts.

### Bedour pushes new labour law

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Labour has embarked on intensive meetings designed to speed up the formulation of a new labour law to replace the outdated law in operation since

Labour Minister Jamal Al Bedour chaired a meeting of a special committee entrusted with working out the law and its various provisions, and announced that the projected law is needed now to deal with a great deal of problems resulting from the great strides of development over the past three decades.

The law, expected to be finalised before the end of October, will serve as a basis for governing relations between the employers. the workers and their unions, the minister said after the meeting. He said the next meeting, to be held in the coming week, will

study a set of recommendations

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submitted by the labour unions The new labour law, the minister noted, will organise trades, professions and vocations in Jordan and is directly linked to the national economic functions.

It defines the minimum wages for workers in each trade and also classifies trades and professions according to a set of specifica-tions and the qualifications of the workers, the minister added. On the committee are two rep-

resentatives from each of the Ministry of Interior, the Federa-tion of Labour Unions, the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce, the Amman Chamber of Industry, the Bar Association, the Faculty of Law at the University of Jordan, the Social Security Corporation, the Vocational Training Corporation, the Jordanian Engineers Association and the Ministry of Labour.

### Weekly Amman Financial Market trading

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market starting Saturday Oct. 7, '89 and ending Wednesday Oct. 11, '89. (Figures in Jordanian dinars).

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# Lendl meets Wahlgren in Australian indoor final

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) -Two-time champion Ivan Lendl blitzed unseeded Swede Niclas Kroon 6-1, 6-1 Saturday to advance to the final of the \$492,500 Australian indoor tennis championship at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

Lendi, ranked No. 1 in the world and bidding for his third victory in the event, took 57 minutes to overpower Kroon and earn a meeting Sunday with another Swede, Lars Wahlgren.

Wahlgren, who had not previously made it past the first round of a grand prix tournament this year, defeated Swedish-born Australian teen-ager Johan Anderson 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 in a twohour baseline struggle in Saturday's other semifinal.

Lendi will be bidding for the 81st grand prix singles title of his career, playing in his 124th final and looking for his ninth championship of the year.

Wahlgren is ranked 222nd in the world and has never made it past the second round of any major tournament. He guaran-teed himself a career-high

BY CHARLES GOREN

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

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The theme of today's hand is a

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often as it is handled correctly. It is

a simple combination that crops up

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**GOREN BRIDGE** 

EQUAL IS NOT THE SAME

paycheck of \$37,500 by beating the two travelled to the stadium Anderson, while Lendl's career together, ate lunch and warmed-

earnings exceed \$12 million. Wahlgren, 23, said he had gone into the tournament with a goal of qualifying for the first round. Earlier this year, he considered retirement because he was not

making enough money. This is one of the best of my life. It is totally unbelievable to be in the final," Wahlgren said.

His first career victory came in satellite event in Greece in 1986. He was supposed to collect \$5,000, but the promoter went out of business and failed to pay Throughout my career I've

needed money so badly," Wahl-gren said. "Now I can really oncentrate on my game." Wahlgren said be has been

plagued by nerves in grand prix events, but he kept his compromise better than Anderson, whose family moved to Australia six

The two players are close friends. Wahlgren has been staying with Anderson's family in Sydney to save on hotel bills and

West made the textbook lead of

fourth-best from his longest and strongest, hitting declarer's weak

spot. There were only six fast

have to come from the club suit via a

Declarer made the technically

correct play of holding up the ace of

diamonds for two rounds, discarding a spade from dummy on the

third round. Now everything hinged on which defender held the king of

We know that many declarers

would cross to duranty with the king of hearts to lead the queen of clubs. When that won the trick, they would continue with a club to the

ten and then cash the ace of clubs in

an attempt to drop the king. When that didn't work, they would have

to concede down one. Since declarer holds the J-10 of

clubs, the queen and nine are equals. But it is most important which card declarer leads from

dummy for the finesse. He must

play the nine! When that wins, de-

charer can next lead the queen. If that is not covered, declarer is still in dummy to take a third finesse to

bring in the whole club suit and land

together, ate lunch and warmedup together.

"A week ago I wouldn't have thought I had a chance against Lendl, but anything can happen in a final," Wahleren said. "This is all beyond my wildest dreams." Lendl said he would not be

underestimating Wahlgren.
"His form this week shows he

is playing better than his ranking," he said. "You cannot afford to take it easy against anyone." Lendl hit the ball consistently

hard and deep against Kroon, who appeared tired after two busy weeks. He last week won the Queensland Open title in "I didn't have much to com-

plain about," Lendi said after the rout. "I am hitting the ball well." Wahlgren will attempt to become only the third Swede to win grand prix tournament this ar. Stefan Edberg won in Tokyo in April and Kroon won

last week in Brisbane. The winner Sunday will earn

Chang into

Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — French Open champion Michael Chang

of the United States upset top-

seed Stefan Edgberg of Sweden 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3 Saturday to

advance to the finals of the

\$200,000 Marlboro tennis cham-

pionships.

Third-seeded Chang, who also beat Edberg in the final of the

French Open, is to meet defend-

ing champion Miloslav Mecir of

Czechoslovakia in the final

Medir had no trouble in beating

Both semifinal losers had to

play their quarterfinal matches earlier Saturday because of rain

The two players then held their serves in the next set, which went to a tie breaker. Edberg seemed likely to about the server in the server to a server the server to a server the server to a server

likely to drop the tie breaker

when he doublefaulted on the

first point and later fell behind

2-4, but the Swede clawed his way back to win it 7-5.

In the third set, Chang broke Edberg's serve in the eighth game.

After failing to take six match

points, Chang eventually put

together two winners to win the

Friday.

American Richey Reneberg 6-2.

6-4 in the other semifinal match.

\$200,000

### **English soccer**

# Barnes keeps Liverpool top

LONDON (R) - John Barnes shrugged off his disappointment in the World Cup qualifier in Poland in midweek to guide Liverpool to a 2-1 away win at Wimbledon Saturday which kept them top of the English League.

skill that has made him a must for England manager Bobby Robson, laid on the opening goal for England teammate Peter Beardsley after only three minutes.

Another of Liverpool's array of internationals, Ronnie Whelan of the Republic of Ireland, completed a brilliant week by netting the winner 10 minutes after the break after Dennis Wise had equalised for Wimbledon four minutes into the second half.

Whelan opened the account in Ireland's 3-1 triumph over Nomdnesday that put them in sight of a place in the World Cup finals.

Champions Arsenal, who have not conceded a goal in five home games, sounded a warning to Liverpool by thrashing Manchester City 4-0 at home to leap over Chelsea into second place on 17 points, one behind the leaders. Norwich, with Liverpool the only unbeaten team, moved into

MOSCOW (AP) — At most in-

door tennis tournaments, trans-

porting and laying down courts is

the easy part. But for the Soviet

Union's first professional event,

the process involved a three-week

trip halfway round the world.
"There were one or two an-

xious moments but we got there in the end," said Bernie Schmidt,

international marketing director

of Supreme All-Weather Surfac-

ing, which produces rubberised

courts known simply as supreme that are acknowledged as the

world's premier indoor surface.

and then I was a bit worried

about the last part of the trip but

everything worked out," Schmidt

Before this week's \$100,000

event at Moscow's Olympic sta-

dium, the Soviet Union had never

installed a supreme court, instead

using wooden or plastic surfaces

produced locally for indoor

events, and clay courts primarily

When officials of tour sponsors

Virginia Slims insisted on a mod-

ern-day supreme court, the orga-

"They couldn't make up their minds," Schmidt said. "Hard cur-

rency is a problem for the Soviet

Sports Committee. But they sud-

denly ordered three courts, each

Because of the financial com-

plexities, Schmidt said, contracts

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nisers at first weren't sure.

"There was a last-minute rush

Barnes, showing touches of the thiahor their first home win of the season after four draws at Carrow Road.

Liverpool's city rivals Everton stayed in touch with the leaders thanks to an 86th minute goal by Norman Whiteside for a 2-1 home win over Millwall which lifted them to fourth place with 16

Barnes appeared to have fully recovered from the hamstring injury which put him out of Wednesday's 0-0 draw in Poland which clinched England's place in next year's World Cup finals.

His perfect pass gave Beardsley time and space to open the scoring before Wimbledon had warmed up.

Liverpool survived two firsthalf mistakes by goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar, but a third in the 49th minute let in wise for the equaliser.

Special trip for indoor courts

the paper."

Barnes, leading the visiting attack in the absence of injured

for the courts weren't signed until

a few weeks before the tourna-

ment, which began last Tuesday

of production and push these

courts through to get them on the

boat in time to make the dead-

line," Schmidt said. "But once

the contracts were signed, the

Russians lived up to every do on

The courts were too heavy to

be transported by air. So they left

New York by cargo ship Sept. 11,

reached the West German port of

Bremen Sept. 24 and were trans-

ported the rest of the way by

truck, arriving in Moscow just

three days before the qualifying

"There were some problems in

"We had to pull everything out

and runs through Sunday.

Welsh star Im Rush, helped Liverpool region the lead six minutes later by creating the win-ner, an all-Irish effort in which Steve Staunton's shot was blocked by goalkeeper Hans Segers only for Whelan to net the

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Pirelli (0)

Volvo (1)

**SENIORS** 

Nash/Ebb (2)

A.I.C.I. (0) Mr. Chips (1)

Arab Bank (0)

Al-Hikma (2) Westinghouse (2)

Cairo Amman Bank (4)

Barnes was unlucky not to be rewarded with a goal of his own when his 20th-minute drive struck the crossbar.

Striker Perry Groves scored twice as Arsonal ran riot in front of more than 40,000 fans at home to Manchester City, who have yet to pick up an away point.

Groves opened the scoring in the 20th mingle and struck again 20 minutes after the break between a brilliant solo goal by England hopeful Michael Thomas and substitute Paul Merson's 77th-minute strike.

Mark Bowen, like Whelan, scored for club and country this week. Bowen, who netted a consolation goal for Wales in a 2-1 defeat by European champions the Netherlands, sent Norwich on their way to victory over Chelsea.

Bremen because the Russian

trucking company wanted to be

paid in hard currency instead of

rubles. Sovintersport, the Soviet sports agency, was livid and quickly sorted out the problem."

He said that when the courts

arrived in Moscow, there were

one or two more snafus, but

nothing serious.
Schmidt said the Soviet were

interested only buying their own in the growing desire to update sports facilities.

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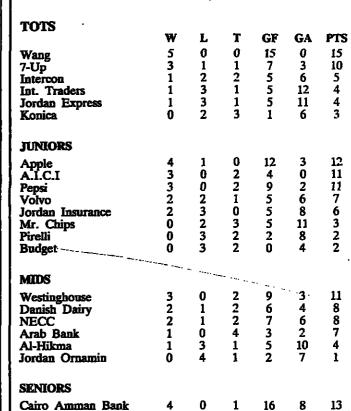
for more next year when a men's

pro tournament comes to

Schmidt, whose company has

Schmidt said.

### **Soccer Standings** as of Oct. 13, 1989



### Laudrup's transfer costs \$1.8m

GENEVA (R) — Denmark strik-er Michael Laudrup's transfer from Italy's Juventus to Barcelona...will cost his new club \$1.8 million, a European Football Union (UEFA) tribunal decided

Spanish first division club's offer of \$1.5 million for Laudrup, who replaced Gary Lineker after the England international moved to

Tottenham in the close season. The fee is the maximum set by UEFA for the transfer of players from one European Community (EC) country to another.

UEFA had assessed the 25-

for the next eight years, based on his gross annual earnings with Juventus, at nearly \$7.3 million. A UEFA statement after a

year-old Dane's earning potential

meeting of the tribunal, whose decision is final, said: "We have The tribunal had to rule on the taken into consideration Barcelo-

"Barcelona must pay Junvetus \$1.8 million, the maximum allowed, with accrued interest from Aug. 8, 1989, the date on which the internatioal transfer certificate for the move was

Barcelona were also ordered to pay the costs of the hearing amounting to \$4,800.

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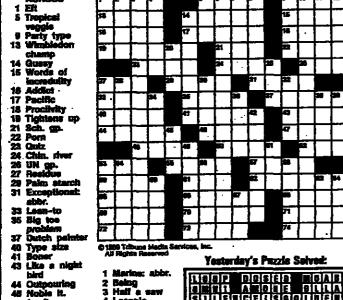
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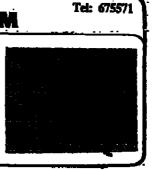
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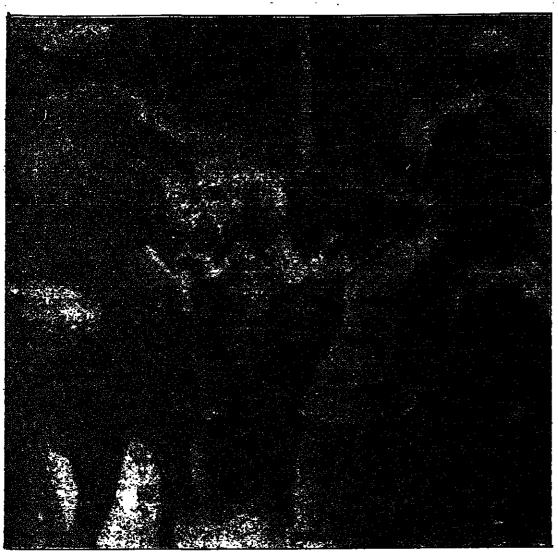


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Mounted policemen break up an anti-government student demonstration in the northern Indian state

# Gandhi looks set to call elections after defeats

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi looked set to announce general elections after his government suffered two defeats in parliament late Friday.

Senior government sources said Gandhi would call elections almost immediately so he could use the defeat of two constitutional accendment bills in the upper house as a campaign issue.

The bills seek devolution of power from state governments to village and town councils but fell short of the required two-thirds majority by two and three votes respectively.

"At last we have an issue. This will be our major campaign platform... that the opposition is against any real devolution of power to the grass-roots level," said Minister of State for Information K.K. Tiwari.

Finance Minister Shankarrao Bhaurao Chavan said the opposition had made a grave mistake in fighting legislation aimed at giving power to people in villages and towns.

Political analysts say the bills were designed to woo the rural population, who make up 80 per cent of India's 800 million people.

"Opposing the legislation not only meant upsetting people who felt too much power was concentrated in a handful of representatives in parliament and state assemblies but also the villages headmen," said one Gandhi aide.

Officials of the panchayat or village councils are traditionally headmen, elders and influential residents of villages. They play an important role in mobilising voters during an election.

"Just imagine who these people would support, knowing that funds were coming to them unhindered by anyone at the state government level for the first time," the aide added.

Gandhi himself made clear in a speech at the end of a bitter debate on the bills that they were linked to elections.

"When the voter stands in the seclusion of the voting booth his hand will go down on the hand which clasps him as a friend," Gandhi said in a reference to his Congress Party election symbol.

the palm of a hand.
"Those who oppose the bill will fail the people and live to rue their lapse," he said of the opposition, which at one time appeared divided on the issue.

The rightwing Bharatiya Janatha Party (BJP) ordered its eight upper house members to vote against the government only after intense pressure from other opposition parties.

The opposition fears the bills will enable central government to bypass state governments and channel development funds directly to village and town coun-

Opposition members also reiected the Congress view that their stand against the bills would lose them votes.

# FBI gets more clout to snatch fugitives abroad

future snatch fugitives from abroad without clearing the action with foreign governments, and Panama has warned that such a course would be a violation of national sovereignty.

Justice Department officials announced Friday that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has been given authority to seize people wanted in the United States without the approval of the foreign government.

Secretary of State James Baker stressed to reporters that the new policy would not be invoked without full consideration by the United States of foreign policy implications.

The step, marking a dramatic change in U.S. policy, was described by one newspaper as the "president's Snatch authority." It raised questions over whether FBI agents could be charged in foreign countries with kidnap-

It was not immediately clear whether the measure was aimed at people such as Panamanian strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega, who has been

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States has indicated it may in fled the United States or individuals accused by Washington of terrorist attacks on Americans

> Panama Attorney-General Carlos Augusto Villalaz said the United States would be violating Panama's sovereignty if it tried to extradite fugitives without government permission.

"The United States is violating the sovereignty of the country since extradition procedures are established in international law," Villalaz said.

Noriega, who has withstood U.S. attempts to remove him by sanctions and diplomatic pressure, has accused Washington of instigating an abortive coup against him by rebel Panamanian soldiers last week.

Describing the policy change as "a very narrow legal opinion," Baker said: "It did not take into consideration, as I understand it. international law nor the president's constitutional responsibility to conduct the foreign policy of the United States.'

Baker told reporters the law would be applied on a case-by-case basis and all relevant U.S.

agencies would be consulted before a decision was taken to arrest any individual.

The White House said there would be no arrests abroad that had not been considered through an inter-agency process "to ensure that the president takes into account the full range of foreign policy and international law considerations as well as the domestic law enforcement issues" in any specific case.

The United States traditionally has worked with foreign govern-ments to seek extradition of the

fugitive. In 1987 Lebanese hijacker Fawaz Yunis. was apprehended abroad by the FBI, but agents were careful to lure him into international waters - onto a yacht. He was convicted in Washington for hijacking a

Jordanian airliner. In Colombia, Supreme Court Judge Rodolfo Garcia Ordonez said: "This is something I just can't understand. It looks like a violation of territorial rights."

In August Washington gave Colombia a list of 12 cocaine barons it wants extradited to the United States.

# indicted in Florida on drug traf-South Korea dissident group demands recall of U.S. envoy

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's main dissident alliance Saturday demanded the recall of U.S. Ambassador Donald Gregg and said an attack on his residence by radical students was "the will of the people."

About 400 radical students armed with firebombs and rocks battled riot police today at Seoul's Sogang University in the second straight day of anti-American campus protests. "Yankee go nome" protesters shouted.

Security was bolstered at all U.S. government facilities following the attack Friday on Gregg's official residence, national police headquarters said today. Riot police were assigned to the U.S. embassy, but officials declined to police.

give any details.

Chonminyon, an alliance of dissident groups, defended the storming of Gregg's home by six radical students, who hurled homemade bombs to distract the Korean guards and rampaged through the home, smashing artwork with iron bars.

Gregg and his wife Meg, who were awakened at dawn by the blast of bombs hurled by the attacking radicals, escaped unharmed through a side entrance. The six students were overpo-

wered and arrested by riot police. Embassy officials said they would review the security system of the residence. Unlike the U.S. embassy, it is not guarded by U.S. marines but by Korean

After the attack, about 6,000 radical students took part in anti-U.S. protests on 26 campuses in

seven cities Friday, police said. The attack "reflected the will of the people," Chonminyon leaders claimed at a news conference, where they issued a statement calling for an end to close U.S.

Chonminyon demanded the Unhad helped to support military rule when he was Central Intelli-gence Agency (CIA) station chief

alliance, represented at the news conference by several top leaders, also called for withdrawal of the 43,000 U.S. troops based in South Korea.

# Thousands march in S. Africa to celebrate release of activists

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Tens of thousands of workers chanting support for the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) marched in cities across South Africa Saturday to hail the imminent release of eight jailed senior

Up to 10,000 people demonstrated in four cities including Cape Town and Johannesburg and smaller gatherings were held elsewhere to celebrate the releases, the latest conciliatory move by the new government of President F.W. de Klerk.

Large forces of police were deployed in Cape Town and the Indian Ocean cities of Port Elizabeth and Durban but they did not intervene in line with a new lenient policy towards public dis-

The marches were among the making."

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Few results

second decade.

breaks up the talks.

left for later.

The rightist administration of

President Alfredo Cristiani wants

the Oct. 16-17 Costa Rica session

to produce an immediate cessa-

tion of hostilities. Cristiani savs

negotiating a cease-fire will be

the main focus of discussion, with

other matters, such as possible

political or economic changes,

The Salvadoran rebels reject

the government's immediate

cease-fire proposal, saying it

would be "suicide" to stop fight-

ing before negotiating terms

under which the war should end.

An estimated 70,000 people have been killed in the 10-year-

old war between the Marxist-led

Farabundo Marti National Li-

beration Front, or FMLN, and a

succession of U.S.-backed gov-

ernments. An Oct. 15, 1979, coup

by young military officers is re-

garded as the start of the conflict.

tiny minority of this nation's five million people while leaving the

The rebels and the government

met in Mexico City last month

amid an atmosphere that was

characterised as cordial and con-

structive, although the only sub-

stantive agreement was an agree-

ment to meet monthly in the

The Mexico City meeting was

the first between the guerrillas

and a Salvadoran government

since 1987 and followed Aug. 7

accords calling for peace talks.
Cristiani also called for talks

when he took office June 1.

The guerrillas' terms for a

cease-fire include: beginning a

reform of the conservative-con-

trolled judiciary; halting repres-sion by security forces; trials for

death squad members; overhaul-

ing the 1983 constitution and

moving up legislative elections from their scheduled date of

The rebels also want guaran-

tees that their forces will not be

attacked or harassed by the

numerically superior and better-

equipped government army be-fore any demobilisation.

Cristiani says constitutional re-

"We do not intend to negotiate

a political platform with the FMLN," Cristiani said last week. "That is what the FMLN, once it

is part of the democratic process,

will have to negotiate with the

Salvadoran people if it hopes to obtain political power."

The insurgents say the govern-

ment's insistence that they simply lay down their arms and "join the

democratic process" is tanta-

mount to a call for their sur-

Clenfuegos, one of the five

FMLN commanders, in an inter-

view with jounalists in Managua,

"That is absurd," said Ferman

form is not a matter for discussion

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great majority impoverished.

The rebels are fighting to abolish what they contend is an oligar-

largest open-air demonstrations in decades. But the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), the country's largest labour organisation, had hoped a quarter of a million people in 17 centres would participate and protest against anti-strike legisla-

Shouts of "long live the ANC" and "short live F.W. (de Klerk)" reverberated among gleaming. office towers as banner-waving union members surged through Johannesburg's central business

"We say to the de Klerk regime we have had enough, we will not be exploited," COSATU Secretary-General Jay Naidoo told the marchers, "The time has come for us not to allow any further laws we did not participate in

Another speaker who was not identified said in an African language that blacks should march on Pretoria and seize power. "The key to power is there for the taking. A chant of "Viva Sisulu" rang

out in honour of veteran activist Walter Sisulu, one of the eight to be freed and the closest colleague of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela. Government sources say the

activists will be freed Sunday after serving up to 26 years in prison for plotting to overthrow white rule, end apartheid and install black majority govern-

Marchers in many centres waved the red flag of the banned Communist Party and the black, green and gold colours of the outlawed ANC and chanted support for Mandela and exiled ANC leader Oliver Tambo...

De Klerk said he agreed to the releases to show he is sincere in promising to end discrimination and establish a new constitution giving voteless blacks a role in government

But dissidents said it was a ploy to avert the imposition of further anti-apartheid trade sanctions at Commonwealth summit in Malaysia next week.

Pretoria must do much more, including releasing Mandela and lifting emergency rule, before they will agree to enter negotiations, the dissidents added.

"We say that every political prisoner should not be in prison. Please continue the (international) pressure," said union and church activist Emma Mashinini.

### Film of spy novel on location in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) - The British secret agent who met a Russian woman in front of the Ukraine hotel Friday bore a striking resemblance to James Bond, agent 007, licensed to kill. He was, in fact, Sean Connery, the Scottish actor who incarnated the 007 role in many films and who currently is in Moscow filming John le Carre's latest spy novel and love story, "The Russia House." The woman was Michelle Pfeiffer, his American co-star. During a shooting break, Connery said 007's reputation as a formidable foe of the KGB Russian secret service did not stand in the way of his coming to the Soviet Union to play the role of a book publisher recruited by British intelligence after be comes into contact with a Soviet scientist smuggling defence secrets. "Of course, the KGB has a dossier on me," Connery joked. "That's why they let me in." He said security checks were carried out in other countries before he was allowed to work, including the United States. "My dossier in Washington is even bigger than the KGB file," the 59-year-old veteran said with a smile.

### Global weather

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CAIRO	17	63	29	84	Clear
CHICAGO	05	41	27	61	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	08	46	12	54	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	11	52	15	59	Cloudy
GENEVA	03	37	19	66	Clear
HONG KONG	23	73	28	82	Clear
IŞTANBUL	10	50	20	68	Clear
LONDON	10	50	15	59	Cloudy
LOS ANGELES	16	61	24	75	Cloudy
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MECCA	25	77	43	109	Clear
MONTREAL	07	45	18	64	Cloudy
MOSCOW	03_	37	05	41	Cloudy
NEW DELHI	22	72	36	97	Clear
NEW YORK	13	56	25	77	Cloudy
PARIS	08	46	17	63	Cloudy
ROME	07	45	23	73	Clear
SYDNEY	19	66	27	80	Clear
TOKYO	17	63	24	75	Clear
VIENNA	06	46	20	68	Clear

# **UFO** fever sweeps Soviets take about a glowing ball com-ing out of the sky? Rumours constantly sweep

By David Ljunggren

Salvador talks VORONEZH, Soviet Union-An entire city in Central Russia SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador is spellbound by reports of giant (AP) — Guerrilla commanders aliens in a downtown visit and government representatives but as a westerner, "I had no will sit down Monday to discuss how their forces might stop killclose encounter of a Soviet ing each other, but significant They came from outer space,

progress seems unlikely as this three-eyed monsters landing country's civil war enters its from a shining ball-like craft, that's what everyone says. The meeting is set for San Jose, Costa Rica, but violence has Feverish excitement about UFOs (unidentified flying obsurged in advance of the talks and jects) is sweeping Voronezh, an industrial city of 900,000 people, about 500 kilometres each side has accused the other of ill will, though neither wants to be seen as the "bad guy" who

southeast of the Soviet capital. Soviet scientists agree that something strange did happen in a local park on the night of

Sept. 27. But after a week of sensational stories of alien landings and a creature with a magic pistol, that seemed to be about the only thing they could say for

The site draws awed crowds, including many who seem to know someone who saw trieger-happy aliens come to earth and fire at a local teenager. But on a mission from Moscow I found no convincing

The mysterious visitors could have chosen a more scenic location for an extraterrestrial dis-

The spot where bug-eyed creatures are reported to have stepped out of a glowing ball is the kind of blighted urban patch common to most cities

around the world. I found no sweeping backdrop, no eerie resonance at the scene of what many Russians believe to be a genuine visit from outer space.

Children who claim to have seen the landing are due to appear Saturday before a local commission responsible for investigating abnormal phenomena.

On the buses, in the streets, in taxi queues, residents talk constantly of three-metre-high creatures landing in a luminous sohere. According to the reports, one

of the aliens, silver-suited and accompanied by a robot, strolled through the park before firing an unusually large gun at a 16-year-old boy, who tempor-arily vanished. He reappeared when the spacecraft left. "I am a sceptic," said en-

gineer Yuri Belyanov outside the plot of wasteland where the children said they saw the ball disgorge the pistol-packing, three-eyed monster.

"But I don't believe that so many people can be wrong. How can anyone make a mistries. Few dismiss the reports outright although some are

clearly hedging their bets.

Reports of UFO sightings in this traditionally superstitious country are not new. Recently a faith healer who treats various ailments on television has attracted tens of millions of

through this city best known for its aircraft and chemical indus-

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda noted that air traffic monitors in the area of Voronezh recorded nothing unusual at the time the landing was supposed to have occurred.

But one of the scientists investigating the incident told Reuters he was convinced the children had witnessed some unusual phenomenon Other reports have spoken of

"humanoids" spotted in rural areas. According to one particularly dramatic account, a man spoke with a group of glowing aliens in the Ural mountains city of Perm.

On Friday I met a group of citizens huddled around the waste ground dotted with birch trees where a pattern of 20 centimetre deep holes marks the area where the three-eyed. alien fired a pistol at the youth.

# **THE Sunday Crossword**

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Last Week's Cryptograms

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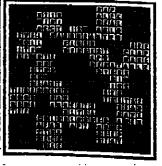
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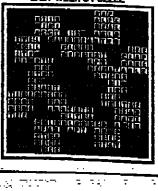


Nicaragua. "Surrender would be political suicide."
"The government has adopted a position as if we had been defeated, when it is obvious we have not been defeated," said ited States recall Gregg, saying he Leonel Gonzalez, another rebel commander.

An estimated 7,000 full-time guerrillas and about twice that in Seoul in the 1970s. many militiamen and women control a swath of northern and eastern El Salvador. They have mounted attacks in all 14 provinces.

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